

Let's Talk About **I Have to Go!**

I Have To Go! is a humorous story about a young boy and toilet training. Children really enjoy Robert Munsch's stories.

Robert Munsch writes using everyday language. He emphasizes the ideas in a storytelling manner.



Read the book to your child with fun and enthusiasm. Don't be shy about being silly. Your child loves to see you hamming it up!

After you have read the book a couple of times, give your child a chance to say Andrew's "No, no, no, no, no." part.

P.S. Please don't choose a snowsuit with 5 zippers, 10 buckles, and 17 snaps!!



Let's Rhyme

Here We Go

Here we go up, up, up,
Raise hands high.

Here we go down, down, down.
Lower hands.

Here we go forward.
Take one step forward.

Here we go backward.
Take one step backward.

Here we go round, round, round.
Turn around once.

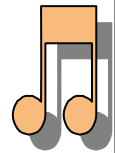


Mulberry Bush

Here we go 'round the mulberry bush,
The mulberry bush, the mulberry bush.
Here we go 'round the mulberry bush
So early in the morning.

This is the way we wash our face,
Wash our face, wash our face,
This is the way we wash our face
So early in the morning.

This is the way we make our bed...
This is the way we brush our teeth...
This is the way we comb our hair..
This is the way we tie our shoes...



Note to Parents & Caregivers

Reading with your child is even more wonderful if you read with enthusiasm and expression. The ups and downs of your voice and, the pauses and highlights of the reading, are like music to your child's ears. The more wonderful the experience the more likely your child will want to learn how to read.

**Read with
expression,
your child
will love it!**

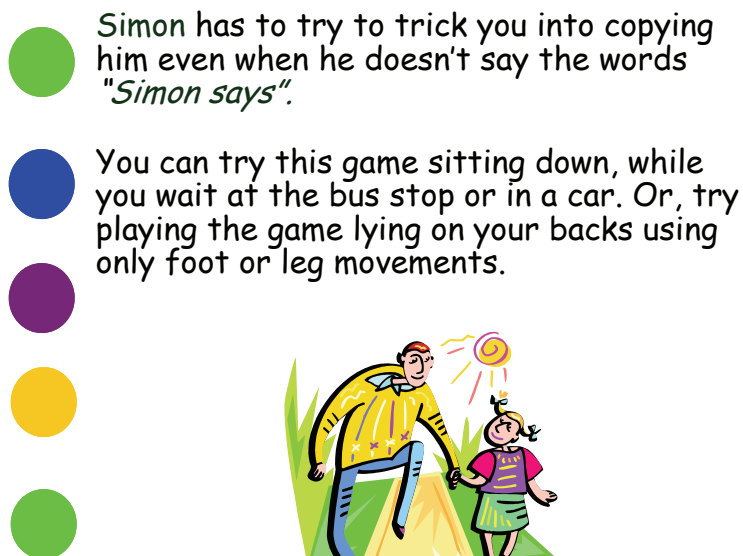
Let's Create

Simon Says

Play **Simon Says** with your child.
Let your child be Simon.

Simon gives an action command with or without the words, "*Simon says*", before it and demonstrates the action.

The player (you) obeys Simon's command only if the words "*Simon says*" are before the command.



Simon has to try to trick you into copying him even when he doesn't say the words "*Simon says*".

You can try this game sitting down, while you wait at the bus stop or in a car. Or, try playing the game lying on your backs using only foot or leg movements.



Let's Be Together

Robert Munsch has a wonderful way of making everyday situations playful and fun. In **I Have To Go** a child has a difficult time knowing when he has to urinate. Children have to learn how to properly time trips to the bathroom through trial and error.

Sometimes trial and error is very difficult for parents as well as for the child. The best way to handle accidents is to do what this family does in the book.



☺ Stay calm. Help your child clean up. Do not reprimand a child for accidents. They are part of the learning process.

☺ Gently remind your child throughout the day to use the washroom.

☺ Remember that accidents are normal. They are not a reflection on your parenting.

Toilet training is a learning process that takes some trial and error.



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