

Let's Talk About **If You Were My Bunny**

Each animal story in this book can be sung as a lullaby.

Familiar tunes are suggested at the back of the book.



Mother and baby animals are called different things. Can your child point to and name the mother and baby animals?

Find the bear. Find the cub.
Find the cat. Find the kitten.
Find the dog. Find the puppy.
Find the duck. Find the duckling.
Find the rabbit. Find the bunny.

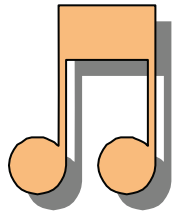
Let's Play With Rhymes

There Was An Old Woman



There was an old woman
Who lived in a shoe.
She had so many children she didn't know what to do.
She gave them some broth and a big slice of bread,
Kissed them all soundly and tucked them in bed.

I Wish I Were A Bunny



(To tune "Did You Ever See A Lassie")

I wish I were a bunny,
A bunny, a bunny.
I wish I were a bunny,
'Cause bunnies can hop.
They hop, and they hop,
And they hop, and they hop.
Oh, I wish I were a bunny,
'Cause bunnies can hop.

(Do the bunny hop!)

Note to Parents & Caregivers

Slow rhythms and soft music have a calming effect. Lullabies help quiet a child from the business of the day. Lullabies are for more than night-time. Sing them anytime your child needs a little down time throughout the day.

Lullabies are comforting to a child.

Let's Create

Sock Puppet

Do you sometimes lose one sock in the laundry or have one sock wear out before the other?



Make good use of the unmatched sock by turning it into a puppet. Provide your child with glue, material, yarn, large buttons, pompoms, googly eyes, etc. to create eyes and ears on the heel of the sock; nose, mouth and whiskers on the toe of the sock.

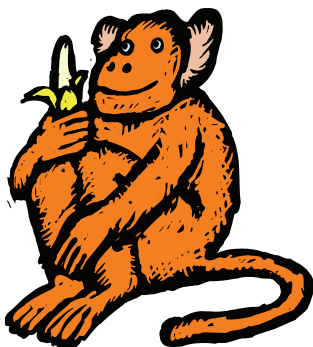


Create an animal from the book. Your child can put her hand into the puppet, cradle it in her arms, and sing it to sleep.

Let's Be Together

Play a game with your child in which you name other animals.

What things would their mothers do for them at bedtime?



A mother monkey might give her baby a banana and carry him up into a tree to sleep.



A mother penguin might give her baby some fish and then snuggle him under her wings to sleep and stay warm.

Bedtime routines are important to a child.



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