

TREASURE CHEST KIT #10: FAVORITE STORIES

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits..

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Material Type	Title	Author
BOOK	Abiyoyo	PETE SEEGER
BOOK	Corduroy	DON FREEMAN
BOOK	Curious George	H.A. REY
BOOK	The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate The Wash	TRINKA HAKES NOBLE
BOOK	Don't Tell The Whole World!	JOANNA COLE
BOOK	The Dumb Bunnies	SUE DENIM
BOOK	Fritz And The Beautiful Horses	JAN BRETT
BOOK	Henny Penny	PAUL GALDONE
BOOK	John Burningham's A B C	
BOOK	The Little Firemen	MARGARET WISE BROWN
BOOK	Little Rabbit Foo Foo	MICHAEL ROSEN
BOOK	Pulling My Leg	JO CARSON
BOOK	The Red Carpet	REX PARKIN
BOOK	Sylvester And The Magic Pebble	WILLIAM STEIG
BOOK	Three Little Kittens	PAUL GALDONE
BOOK	The Three Little Wolves And The Big Bad Pig	EUGENE TRIVIZAS
BOOK	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	ALEXANDER WOLF as told to JON SCIESZKA
BOOK	The Tub Grandfather	PAM CONRAD
BOOK	When I Was Little: A Four Year Old's Memoir Of Her Youth	JAMIE LEE CURTIS
BOOK	Where The Wild Things Are	MAURICE SENDAK
BOARD BOOK	The Rainbow Fish	MARCUS PFISTER
BIG BOOK	The Three Bears	BRYON BARTON
RESOURCE	Singing Bee: A Collection Of Favorite Children's Songs	JANE HART
BOOK & TAPE	Chicken Little	STEVEN KELLOGG
CASSETTE	Stories And Songs For Little Children	PETE SEEGER
VHS	Where The Wild Things Are	
PUPPET	Curious George Puppet	
EXTRA ITEM	The Gingerbread Man (9 piece Flannel Board Set)	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Share *Where The Wild Things Are* in book and video formats. Then invite your children to make Wild Thing masks. Use paper plates and other art materials such as pipe cleaners, crayons, yarn, glue, tongue depressors, and scraps of fabric. Have a Wild Things Parade. Put on the video again, but this time darken the TV screen so that all you have is the sound. Let your children act out the story.

Invite children to wear their favorite color or their favorite clothes and to bring in their favorite books from home. Suggest that they share them with the class. Take turns reading their favorite stories aloud.

Ask your children about their favorite toys. After they have named a few toys, ask them if they can be a certain toy. Start with something simple like a jack-in-the-box or talking doll. Invite children to take turns pretending to be a toy while the other children see if they can guess the toys.

Prepare a handout for parents asking them to help their children think of their favorite song or rhyme. This might be a favorite lullaby or finger rhyme they have heard since they were little. Maybe this will be something which is a part of their family folklore, passed on from Grandparent to parent to child. Have the children teach their favorite song or rhyme to you and the rest of their classmates.

Have children bring their favorite Teddy Bears to class when you share Don Freeman's *Corduroy*.

Listen to the story song "Abiyoyo" on Pet Seeger's cassette *Stories and Songs for Little Children*. Share the picture book *Abiyoyo*.

Share *John Burningham's A B C* then make a group ABC book of favorite things -- "A is for my favorite Aunt, B is for my favorite bike, and so forth."

Grandmother's Glasses

These are Grandmother's glasses,
(*Make glasses with thumbs and pointer fingers*)

This is Grandmother's hat,
(*Fingers together, raise hands over head*)

Grandmother claps her hands like this
And folds them in her lap.

These are Grandfathers glasses,
(*Make bigger glasses*)

This is Grandfathers hat.
(*Make a larger hat*)

This is the way he folds his arms
And has a little nap.
(*Close eyes and pretend to snore loudly*)

What's In the Shop?

(*Sung to the tune of "Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush"*)

What have I got in my toy shop today,
Toy shop today, toy-shop today?

What have I got in my toy shop today?
You tell me?

(*Point to a child and have that child answer what's in the toy shop.*)

Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:

- *The Story Of Chicken Licken* by Jan Ormerod. The classic tale is presented in this book as a play performed on stage for parents.

- *Little Red Riding Hood* by John S. Goodall. In this interpretation there are no words, the heroine is a mouse and the villain is all dressed up in a top hat.