

## READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #16

### A HOUSE IS A HOME

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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<b>Material Type</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
BOOK	Block City	ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON
BOOK	Building A House	BYRON BARTON
BOOK	Clean Your Room, Harvey Moon!	PAT CUMMINGS
BOOK	Everything Has A Place	PATRICIA LILLIE
BOOK	Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed	EILEEN CHRISTELOW
BOOK	Ira Sleeps Over	BERNARD WABER
BOOK	Is Anyone Home	RON MARIS
BOOK	Is This A House For Hermit Crab?	MEGAN McDONALD
BOOK	Katy No-Pocket	EMMY PAYNE
BOOK	King Bidgood's In The Bathtub	AUDREY WOOD
BOOK	The Man Who Kept House	P.C. ASBJORNSEN
BOOK	Mud Puddle	ROBERT N. MUNSCH
BOOK	No Jumping On The Bed!	TED ARNOLD
BOOK	Oh, Were They Ever Happy	PETER SPIER
BOOK	Soap! Soap! Don't Forget The Soap!	TOM BIRDSEYE
BOOK	A Squash And A Squeeze	JULIA DONALDSON
BOOK	This Is My House	ARTHUR DORROS
BOOK	The Town Mouse And The Country Mouse	HELEN CRAIG
BOOK	Tracy's Mess	ELISE PETERSEN
BOOK	What We Like	ANNE ROCKWELL
BOARD BOOK	Whose House Is This	CHARLES REASONER
BOARD BOOK	Good Night	DESSIE AND CHEVELLE MOORE
BIG BOOK	Big Red Barn	MARGARET WISE BROWN
RESOURCE BOOK	Tree Homes	JEAN C. ECHOLS
BOOK & TAPE	Mr. Bear's Chair	THOMAS GRAHAM
CASSETTE	A House For Me (with the book "A House Is A House For Me")	FRED PENNER & MARY ANN HOBERMAN
VHS	Joey Runs Away	
PUPPET	Kangaroo Puppet	
EXTRA ITEM	The City Mouse And The Country Mouse (13 piece Flannel Board Set)	

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## ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Use **chairs, tables, boxes, and sheets** to make playhouses. Let children individualize them. If possible, keep the houses intact for a few days so that they begin to feel like "homes."

Using a box, make and decorate a special home for the Mama Kangaroo Puppet and Baby Kangaroo to live in.

Share *What We Like* by Anne Rockwell. Have each child draw pictures of the things that they like. Assemble together in a book.

Invite children to draw pictures of what their home looks like from the outside. Encourage them to point out where their room is located. Then have them draw a picture of someplace inside their house. Ask them to draw a map of how to get to their room from the front door of their house.

### Baby Kangaroo

Jump, jump, jump

*(Make jumping motion with index finger, other fingers and thumb folded over)*

Goes the big kangaroo.

I thought there was one,

But I see there are two.

The mother takes her young one

*(Index finger of left hand slips up between thumb and fingers of right hand)*

Along in a pouch,

Where he can nap like a child

*(Incline head on folded hands)*

On a couch.

Jump, jump, jump.

Jump, jump, jump.

### Two Little Houses

Two little houses closed up tight;

*(Two closed fists)*

Open up the windows and let in the light.

*(Spread hands apart)*

Ten little people tall and straight,

*(Hold up ten fingers)*

Ready for the bus at half past eight!

*(Fingers make running motion)*

### Houses

This is a nest for Mr. Bluebird.

*(Cup both hands, palms up, little fingers together)*

This is the hive for Mr. Bee.

*(Both fists together, palm to palm)*

This is the hole for Bunny Rabbit,

*(Make hole, fingertips together)*

And this is the house for me.

*(Fingertips together, make a peak)*

## **The Home**

This is the home where we're happy together:

*(Interlock fingers to together with fingers hidden in palms)*

Open the door and there you can see

*(Turn hands over so interlocked fingers so)*

Mother and Daddy and Sister and Brother,

Busy and happy and kind as can be.

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

- *The Biggest House In The World* by Leo Lionni. A young snail realizes that a big house might be a disaster for him.
- *Houses And Homes* by Ann Morris. Photographs from 15 countries depict a variety of homes.
- *Keeping House* by Margaret Mahy. Lizzie's home is such a mess that she hires a cleaning man. But in order for him to work, she tidies up for hours until the place shines.
- *Lazy Lion* by Mwenye Hadithi. As the rain approaches the lion orders one African plains animal after another to build him a shelter.
- *Percy And The Five Houses* by Elsa H. Minarik. Percy, a beaver, joins a House of the Month Club.
- *Roxaboxen* by Alice McLerran. A group of children build imaginary houses and a town out of boxes.