

## **READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #21 EVERYBODY HAS AN IMAGINATION**

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	Alphabet Soup	KATE BANKS
BOOK	Bamboozled	DAVIN LEGGE
BOOK	Bear Hugs	KATHLEEN HAGUE
BOOK	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?	BILL MARTIN, JR.
BOOK	Cloudland	JOHN BURNINGHAM
BOOK	Dreams	EZRA JACK KEATS
BOOK	Heckedy Peg	AUDREY WOOD
BOOK	Henry The Explorer	MARK TAYLOR
BOOK	If You Take A Paint Brush	FULVIO TESTA
BOOK	Jamberry	BRUCE DEGEN
BOOK	Jimmy Lee Did It	PAT CUMMINGS
BOOK	Oh, A Hunting We Will Go	JOHN LANGSTAFF
BOOK	Out Of The Night	LOLA M. SCHAEFER
BOOK	Pretend You're A Cat	JEAN MARZOLLO
BOOK	Rainbow Of My Own	DON FREEMAN
BOOK	There's an Alligator Under My Bed	MERCER MAYER
BOOK	The Three Wishes	MARGOT ZEMACH
BOOK	Trouble With Trolls	JAN BRETT
BOOK	The Underbed	CATHRYN CLINTON HOELLWARTH
BOOK	We're Going On A Bear Hunt	HELEN OXENBURY
BOOK	When Cats Dream	DAV PILKEY
BOOK	One Hungry monster	SUSAN HEYBOER O'KEEFE
BOARD BOOK	Joshua's Night Whispers	ANGELA JOHNSON
BIG BOOK	It Looked Like Spilt Milk	CHARLES G. SHAW
RESOURCE BOOK	Let's Pretend: Games Of Fantasy For Babies and Young Children	JULIE HAGSTROM
BOOK & TAPE	Runaway Bunny	MARGARET WISE BROWN
CASSETTE	Make Believe	LINDA ARNOLD
VHS	"Really Rosie"; Starring The Nutshell Kids	
PUPPET	Floppy Bear Puppet	

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## ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

**Read** *Oh, A-Hunting We Will Go*. Make up additional verses for this song and have the children draw pictures for these new verses.

**Read** *If You Take A Paint Brush* and then try painting on various types of surfaces such as shelf paper, corrugated paper, plastic table cloths, wallpaper samples, newspaper classified advertisements, wood, cloth and paper doilies.

**Read** *When Cats Dream*. Ask the children what kind of dreams they think their pets would have. Then ask them to draw pictures of cat or dog dreams.

**Read** *Pretend You're A Cat* and invite children to be the animals described.

**After reading** *The Three Wishes* have children tell you what their three wishes would be. They may enjoy drawing pictures of their wishes.

### Pretending

I like to pretend that I am a rose

*(Cup hands)*

That grows and grows and grows and grows.

*(Open hands gradually)*

My hands are a rosebud closed up tight:

*(Close hands)*

With not a tiny speck of light.

Then slowly the petals open for me,

*(Let hands come apart gradually)*

And here is a full-blown rose, you see!

### Pretending

I'm a bear - hear me growl!

I'm a lion - hear me roar!

I'm a dog - hear me bark!

As I run out the door.

I'm an elephant - with a trunk.

I'm a camel - with a hump.

I'm a donkey - running races.

I'm a monkey - watch me jump.

### If I Could Play. . .

If I could play the piano,

This is the way I would play.

*(Move fingers like playing piano)*

If I had a guitar,

I would strum the strings this way.

*(Holding guitar and strumming)*

If I had a trumpet,

I'd TOOT to make a tune.

*(Like tooting a horn)*

But, if I played a drum,

I'd go BOOM, BOOM, BOOM.

*(Like playing a drum)*

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

- *Beady Bear* by Don Freeman. This story shows what happens when a toy, wind-up bear reads a book about real bears.
- *Boot Weather* by Judith Vigna. After Kim's father announces it is boot weather, she uses her imagination to take herself to wild and exciting places.
- *Chocolate Moose For Dinner* by Fred Gwyne. Presents a collection of funny homonyms with full color illustrations..
- *Exactly The Opposite* by Tana Hoban. Engaging photographs teach the concept of opposites.
- *Grandfather Twilight* by Barbara Berger. At day's end, Grandfather Twilight walks in the forest to perform his evening task of bringing the miracles of night to the world.
- *Plunk's Dreams* by Helen V. Griffith. While observing his dog, Plunk, who wiggles and woofs in his sleep, John imagines what Plunk is dreaming.
- *Rain Makes Applesauce* by Julian Scheer. This whimsical nonsense book with colorful drawings pulls the reader into imaginatively thinking about the world.