

READING ADVENTURE TREASURE CHEST KIT #50 BIG & TALL, SHORT & SMALL

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	Alfonse, Where Are You?	LINDA WIKLER
BOOK	Archibald Frisby	MICHAEL CHESWORTH
BOOK	Baby Comes Home	DEBBIE DRISCOLL
BOOK	Baby's Book Of The Body	ROGER PRIDDY
BOOK	Big Black Bear	WONG HERBERT YEE
BOOK	Brian Wildsmith's A B C	BRIAN WILDSMITH
BOOK	Darcy And Gran Don't Like Babies J	ANE CUTLER
BOOK	Dinosaur Encore	PATRICIA MULLINS
BOOK	Eleven Elephants Going Up!	BETHANY ROBERTS
BOOK	Go And Hush The Baby	BETSY BYARS
BOOK	How Animals Care For Their Babies	ROGER B. HIRSCHLAND
BOOK	I'm A Little Teapot	IZA TRAPANI
BOOK	Just A Little Bit	ANN TOMPERT
BOOK	Monster Soup And Other Spooky Poems	JACQUELINE ROGERS
BOOK	Mr. Tall And Mr. Small	BARBARA BRENNER
BOOK	My Mama Needs Me	MILDRED PITTS WALTER
BOOK	My New Sandbox	DONNA JAKOB
BOOK	The Pop-Up Book Of Long And Tall Animals	JON ELLIS
BOOK	Rude Giants	AUDREY WOOD
BOOK	Sometimes I Feel Like A Mouse	JEANNE MODESITT
BOOK	Tiny Toes	DONNA JAKOB
BOOK	The Wee Little Woman	BYRON BARTON
BOOK	What Can A Giant Do?	MARY LOUISE CUNEO
BOARD BOOK	But Not The Hippopotamus	SANDRA BOYNTON
BIG BOOK	How Much Is A Million?	DAVID M. SCHWARTZ
RESOURCE BOOK	Take Off With Measuring	SALLY HEWITT
BOOK & TAPE	The Smallest Cow In The World	KATHERINE PATERSON
CASSETTE	Growing Up Together	GEMINI
VHS	Murmel, Murmel, Murmel	
TOY	Peter's Chair Book And Doll	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Share *The Pop-Up Book of Long And Tall Animals*. Try to help your children visualize just how tall they would be in relation to a giraffe, a bear, and an ostrich. Do this by marking of the heights of these large animals on butcher paper. Then mark the heights of each child. Do the same with long animals such as crocodiles and pythons.

Read *Rude Giants*. Pretend to be giants. Then pretend to be very tiny. Have children draw pictures of themselves being very tall and very small.

Invite your children to do the High and Low dance to reinforce the concepts of high and low. Put on some music and give one child a colorful scarf. This child will dance around the room holding the scarf high in the air. As he runs, he should raise and lower his arm to experience the concepts of high and low. Repeat this activity with another child.

The cassette *Growing Up Together* by Gemini features a hello-song with greetings in foreign languages and a goodbye song. Use these songs to begin and end your storytime.

Sometimes I Am Tall

Sometimes I am tall.

(Stand up tall)

Sometimes I am small.

(Bend close to the floor)

Sometimes I am very, very, tall.

(Stretch up onto tip toes)

Sometimes I am very, very, small.

(Bend as close to the floor as possible)

Sometimes tall, sometimes small,

(Stretch high then bend low)

See how I am now.

(Stand normally)

Tall As A Tree

Tall as a tree.

(Raise arms high over head)

High as a house.

(Stretch arms out wide.)

Thin as a pin.

(Hold arms next to body.)

Small as a mouse.

(Huddle down in squatting position)

Mr. Tall and Mr. Small

There once was a man

(Stand on tiptoes and reach up high)

Who was tall, tall, tall. He had a friend

Who was small, small, small

(Kneel and bend way down)

The man who was small

Would try to call

(Cup hands near mouth and look up)

To the man who was tall,

"Hello, up there!"

(Speak in very high voice)

The man who was tall

(Stand on tiptoes)

At once would call

To the man who was small,

(Bend from waist)

"Hello, down there."

(Use deep voice)

Then each tipped his hat

(Stand straight)

And made this reply:

(Tip an imaginary hat)

"Good-bye, my friend."

(Look up, speak in high voice)

"Good-bye, good-bye."

(Bow, and speak in deep voice)

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

- *All Shapes and Sizes* by Shirley Hughes. Basic concepts are illustrated.
- *The Funny Dream* by Kaethe Zemach-Bersin. In this story a little girl wakes up to find that her parents have shrunk.
- *George Shrinks* by William Joyce. This zany story features George, who wakes up to find himself the size of a mouse.
- *Jim And The Beanstalk* by Raymond Briggs. A humorous sequel to the well-known tale.
- *The Littlest Dinosaurs* by Bernard Most. Starting with the 13-foot Coloradisaurus and working down, the author provides detail on smaller-scale dinosaurs and makes these long-extinct monsters become our friends.