

*If you're not feeling well or can't make it to story time, try this at home.  
It's your very own do-it-yourself story time!*

## **Do-It-Yourself Story Time**

**Start with a movement song or poem. Use one of your favorites or pick one of these:**

### ***Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes***

*(Place both hands on parts of body as they are mentioned.  
Repeat and speed up each time.)*

Head, shoulders, knees and toes,  
knees and toes.

Head, shoulders, knees and toes,  
knees and toes.

Eyes and ears and mouth and nose,  
Head, shoulders, knees and toes,  
knees and toes!

### ***If You're Happy and You Know It***

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands. *(clap-clap)*

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If you're happy and you know it, then your face will surely show it,

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands! *(clap-clap)*

*Verse 2: stomp your feet (stomp, stomp)*

*Verse 3: shout "Hooray!" (shout)*

If you're happy and you know it, do all three *(clap-clap, stomp-stomp, hoo-ray!)*

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### ***I Have Ten Little Fingers*** *(make actions match words)*

I have ten little fingers and they all belong to me.

And I can make them do things, would you like to see?

I can shut them up tight, or open them wide.

I can put them all together, or make them all hide!

I can make them jump high, or make them go low.

And I can fold them quietly and sit just so!

### **Pick a story to share.**

Take time to look at the illustrations as you read.

### **Find a favorite CD and dance together to one of the songs.**

For extra fun, use a scarf or tap two spoons together in time to the music.

### **Pick another book to read.**

Maybe your child would like to pick the book and tell you the story this time...

## **Time for another song!**

### **Then pick a craft to do:**

Make your own picture puzzle by choosing a magazine picture and gluing it onto cardboard. (An empty cereal box works well). Cut it into pieces – as many or as few as you want. Then put it back together.

Make a necklace out of cereal or macaroni. The cereal comes in handy at snack time!

Make a shaker by putting rice or beans inside a toilet paper tube and covering the ends.

Make a sock puppet. Decorate it with markers, buttons or yarn.

Tear up colored paper or magazine pictures and make a collage.

Make the longest paper chain in the world.

Make a card or picture for someone far away and mail it to them.

Draw a tic tac toe board and use different cereals or fish crackers as markers.  
Eat them when you win!

Make a paper bag guessing game. One person picks an item and hides it inside a paper bag. The other person has to reach inside and then guess what it is without looking.

### **Sing along:**

Bye-bye, we'll see you real soon.  
Bye-bye, we'll see you real soon.  
Bye-bye, we'll see you real soooooon...  
We hope you have a happy day!

**We hope to see you at the library again soon!**