

## Demonstration Storytime

### Growing Stories

Welcome to our storytime today. My name is Saroj Ghoting. I am so glad you can all be here today. We are going to be sharing rhymes, movement activities and books. Please participate as much as you can. Don't force your child, but they are more likely to participate if they see you participating. We expect some degree of chaos. However, if your child is not happy, feel free to leave and come back when your child is calmer.

Let's start with our opening rhyme

**Opening Song:** Storytime Is Here to tune of Farmer in the Dell

(First verse and chorus)

Storytime is here;

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Hey-ho, the derry-o,

Storytime is here.

Shake your hands up high.

Shake your hands down low.

Hey-ho, the derry-o,

Shake 'em high and low.

Chorus

Tap your feet like this.

Tap your feet like that.

Hey-ho, the derry-o,

Give yourselves a pat.

Chorus

Give your hands a clap.

Give your hands a clap.

Hey-ho the derry-o,

Now put them in your lap.

**Peek-a-Boo** to the tune of Frère Jacques

Peek-a-boo, peek-a-boo

Cover face with hands 2 times

I see you! I see you!

Point to children

I see your button nose.

Point to nose

I see your tiny toes.

Point to toes

I see you! Peek-a-boo!

Cover face with hands 2 times

[Repeat two more times.]

**Song:** Sing, talk, read, write, play. Repeat twice.

Growing readers day by day.

**Early Literacy Tip #1—Explain Tip:**

Our early literacy tip of the day is about narrative skills, your children's ability to tell and retell stories and to describe events. This pre-reading skill helps children understand the story and also helps them learn how stories work. Stories have a beginning, a middle, and an end, and may have repeated phrases. I will be pointing out some ways to help develop your children's narrative skills.

**Introduction:** Clap children's/adult names

**Theme** for today is growing. What are some things that you know about growing?

Show letters. G and g

When we grow we get bigger and bigger. Let's see what happens in our first book with different sized fish.

**Book with Flannel Board:** Blue Sea

I think this little fish is quick enough and clever enough to grow into a big fish!

**Early Literacy Tip #2—Example Tip:**

When we have children repeat or fill in words as we share stories, even if a phrase or two at a time, we are building their ability to retell stories which develops their narrative skills. This helps them learn how stories work, their structure, which will also help them understand stories when they learn to read.

**Shakers #1:** Shake Your Shakers (tune of London Bridge Is Falling Down)

Shake your shakers,

Shake your shakers,

Shake, shake, shake,

High, high, high;

Shake, shake, shake,

High, high, high

Shake, shake, shake.

High, high, high.

Shake your shakers,

Shake your shakers,

Shake, shake, shake,

High, high, high

Shake your shakers.

Shake your shakers.

Low, fast, slow

**Activity—Shakers #2:** Shakers in the Air (tune of London Bridge Is Falling Down)  
Shake your shakers in the air, Shake it up and shake it down  
Shake them here, shake them there Rub your shaker all around  
Shake your shakers in the air Shake it up and shake it down  
Shake your shakers! Shake your shakers!

Shake it high and shake it low Shake it near and shake it far  
Shake it yes and shake it no Drive your shaker like a car  
Shake it high and shake it low Shake it near and shake it far  
Shake your shakers! Shake your shakers!

Our next book is about a girl and her father who are planting a flower box. Let's see why.

**Read** *Flower Garden* by Eve Bunting

We saw a few bugs in Flower Garden. Here is a song about a spider.

**Song/Rhyme:** *Eensy Weensy Spider* from *Mainly Mother Goose* by Sharon, Lois and Bram

OR for younger group:

We saw a few bugs in Flower Garden. Here is a song about a flea.

**Action Song:** "Little Flea" on CD *Wee Sing for Baby* by Pamela Beall

Creeping, creeping little flea Now he's creeping down my chin  
Up my leg and past my knee To my tummy once again  
To my tummy up he goes Down my leg and past my knee  
Past my chin and to my nose To my toe that little flea. GOTCHA!

**Factual Book:** *Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow?* by Shea OR *Butterflies* by Nic Bishop or similar book showing metamorphosis

**Closing Song:** Storytime Is Done to tune of Farmer in the Dell

Our storytime is done.	We read books and sang some songs.	Goodbye until next time.
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Hey-ho the derry-o,	Hey-ho the derry-o,	Hey-ho the derry-o,
We've had lots of fun!	We can do this all day long!	See you all next time. HOORAY!

**Handout:** Blue Sea

**Early Literacy Tip #3—Empower Tip:**

I'm giving you a handout with the pattern for *Blue Sea*. I hope you'll take time to tell each other the story at home. Having props can sometimes help children tell stories, which will help them learn how stories work. This is a first step to later writing their own stories in school. Your younger children can repeat the word "Ouch." Your older children can help you tell the story, or move the pieces and tell the whole story themselves. They may even make up their own stories.

**Other Items**

*Wiggle* by Cronin

*Baby Goes Beep* by Rebecca O'Connell

*Something from Nothing* by Phoebe Gilman

Caught a Fish

One, two, three, four, five. (Count on fingers)	Why did you let it go?
Once I caught a fish alive. (Hold up pretend fish)	Because he bit my finger so.
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten. (Count on fingers)	Which finger did he bite?
Then I let it go again. (Throw fish back)	This little finger on my right. (hold up pinkie on right hand)

Garden Planting Time [tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"]

Dig, dig, dig the earth (make digging motions)	Will help your flowers grow. (Hold one arm parallel to ground
Then you plant your seeds. (pretend to plant seeds)	and move other arm up
A gentle rain (flutter fingers down)	behind it with fingers extended to represent a flower
And bright sunshine (circle arms above head)	growing.)

This is the way we plant a flower to tune of All Around the Mulberry Bush

There Was a Little Turtle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbmAGuPGcTk>

Slippery Fish action song from Jbrary <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmxAWycb7DY>