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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,

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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...

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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.

Make a collage. Tear up colored paper or magazine pictures.

Make the longest paper chain in the world.

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

Make a tic tac toe board. 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.
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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!

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