



FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

How to read books with young children

Before reading

- Hold the book (or have the children hold the book) so everyone in the group can see it.
- If the children know how to read, invite them to read aloud with you.

During the story

- Run your finger smoothly along under the words as you read.
- Try using “fun” voices. Make the word “tired” sound tired, the word “excited” sound excited, or “quiet” sound quiet.
- Have the children guess what happens next.
- Have them give ideas about what they think the characters in the book should do with their money.
- Ask, “How do you think they (the characters) feel?”

After the story

- Ask, “What did you like best about the story?”
- Ask the children to give an example of one of the key ideas that was illustrated in the story.
- Ask the children to talk about something that has happened to them that is like the story.
- Ask them if they would do things differently if it happened again. What did they do right and would do again?