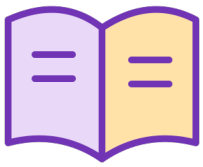
Give a story a new adventure



Ages 2-5 | 5-10 minutes

You'll need

A familiar picture book and one or two age-appropriate toys to act as characters.

Your child's role

Choose a favorite picture or moment in the book. Move a toy, make a sound or tell you what is happening. Then invent something new: perhaps the character visits a park or looks for a missing shoe.

Your role

Follow the story your child starts. Take a character if invited and leave pauses for them to contribute. Use the language or languages your family is comfortable with. A sound or gesture can move the story along too.

Make it easier

Stay with one picture. Copy an animal sound or act out a single action together, such as a bear going to sleep.

Extend the play

"What happens next?" Let your child add a problem and decide how the character responds. They can return to the original story whenever they want.

What they're practicing

Using words and gestures to share meaning, imagining events and taking turns in a shared story.