

STORYTIME @ HOME GUIDES

OUR FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS!

Fingerplays and Songs

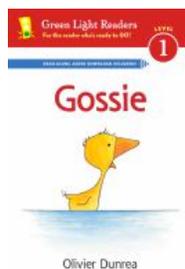
[All the Little Ducks Go Upside Down](#)

Presented by Chirp! Early Childhood Music

All the little ducks go upside down,
Upside down, upside down,
All the little ducks go upside down,
As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.
All their little tails go wiggle, waggle,
wiggle,
Wiggle, waggle, wiggle,
Wiggle, waggle, wiggle,
All their little tails go wiggle, waggle,
wiggle,
As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.
All the little beaks go snap, snap,
snap,
Snap, snap, snap,
Snap, snap, snap,
All the little beaks go snap, snap,
snap,
As they dabble at the bottom of the pond.

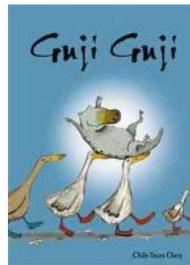
Read Aloud Stories

As you enjoy these read aloud stories with your child, ask them open-ended questions about the stories. Open-ended questions help children to think more deeply about the world around them.



[Gossie by Olivier Dunrea](#)

Gossie the gosling loves her bright red boots and wears them all of the time, every day. But one day her boots go missing! How do you think Gossie feels when she finally finds her boots? Would you have shared your boots too? Why or why not?



[Guji Guji by Zhiyuan Chen](#)

Guji Guji is a rather strange looking duckling, but Mama Duck loves all of her ducklings just the same. When the crocodiles come to visit, Guji Guji learns what it means to be a family. Do you think that Guji Guji will continue to live with the ducks now that he knows he is a crocodile?



[An Egg is Quiet by Dianna Aston](#)

Learn more about the life cycle of our feathered friends (and other animals too!) in this beautifully illustrated non-fiction book. Can you guess what is inside an egg based on what it looks like? How can you tell?

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Fun Activities To Try At Home!

Make these cool binoculars and learn more about birds with [Audubon for Kids](#)



Materials

Cardboard rolls leftover from paper towels or toilet paper

Tape or glue

Hole punch

String (yarn, ribbon, twine, whatever you have around!)

Markers, colored paper, and any other craft materials

How to Make DIY Binoculars

1. Take two toilet paper rolls (or paper towel roll carefully cut in half), and attach them together side by side using tape or glue.
2. Wrap paper around the rolls. Your kid can decorate their binoculars however they want!
3. Use a hole punch to make holes on the outside of each roll. Tie a strand of yarn, about 18-20 inches long, through each hole to create a strap to hang the binoculars loosely around the child's neck. To avoid the danger of choking, children should only use under supervision.
4. Go outside to explore and play!

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Spring in Minnesota is a great time to go on a bird hunt in your own backyard! Take a walk around your neighborhood and try to find some of these common backyard birds. Name of the colors you see!



Robin



Cardinal



Blue Jay



Goldfinch