

STORYTIME @ HOME GUIDES

I LOVE PETS!

Fingerplays and Songs

[Five Little Puppies](#) from Storytime Katie

Five little puppies were playing in the sun. (Hold up hand, fingers extended.)

This one saw a rabbit, and he began to run. (Bend first finger.)

This one saw a butterfly, and he began to race. (Bend second finger.)

This one saw a pussycat, and he began to chase. (Bend third finger.)

This one tried to catch his tail, and he went round & round. (Bend fourth finger.)

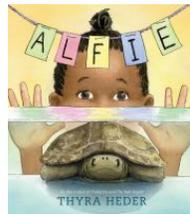
This one was so quiet, he never made a sound. (Bend thumb.)

Read Aloud Stories

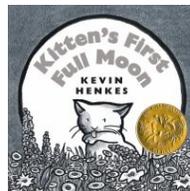
As you enjoy these read aloud stories with your child, ask them open-ended questions about the stories. Open-ended questions help children to think more deeply about the world around them.



[Harry the Dirty Dog](#) by Gene Zion
Harry the dog hates to take a bath. One day he gets so dirty that his family doesn't know who he is. Why do you think Harry didn't want to take a bath? What did he do to convince his family that he was really their pet? Do you think he will take baths from now on?



[Alfie](#) by Thyra Heder
Nia and her pet turtle, Alfie, both tell what happens when he disappears right before their seventh birthday. What was your favorite part of Alfie's adventure? Would you have chosen a different present for Nia? Why? How old are Nia and Alfie at the end of the book?

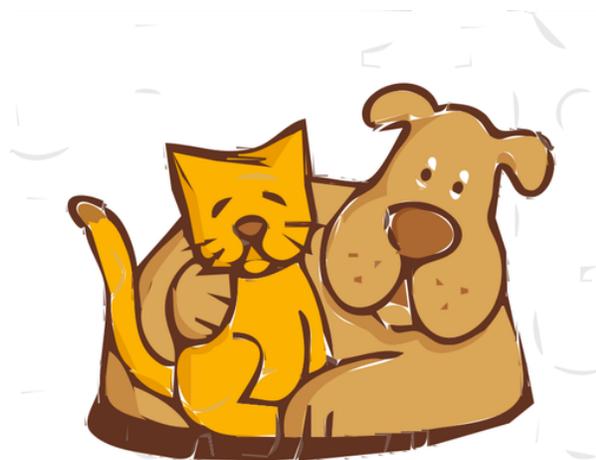


[Kitten's First Full Moon](#) by Kevin Henkes
Little kitten thinks she sees a huge bowl of milk in the sky and tries to get it. What does kitten do to try to get the bowl of milk in the sky? What do you think she really sees? What else could kitten have done to get a bowl of milk?

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Fun Activities To Try At Home!

Animals need to see doctors just like we do when they get sick or hurt or just need a checkup. Animal doctors are called veterinarians. Pretend your stuffed animals need to see a veterinarian. Take their temperature, listen to their heartbeat or bandage their injured paw. Draw a picture of how you helped your stuffed animal feel better.



Paper shape animals are fun and easy to make! Choose what animal you would like to make and cut out circles, rectangles, squares and triangles. Put the shapes together to make your favorite pet. You can look online to find ideas or use your imagination and create a brand new pet.

You can also make shape animals using hearts like in Michael Hall's book, [My Heart Is Like a Zoo](#).

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