

Take a look at more ways to share books



"Find What I Say"

Matt is a toddler who likes looking at books with adults. Matt's home visitor taught Matt's mom a book game called "Find What I Say." It has become one of Matt's favorite games. Using a well-liked book, Mom points to a word and says the word. Mom then playfully says, "I don't think Matt can find the picture." Matt finds the picture, points to it, bursts out laughing, and joins the adults in applauding for himself.

"Reading" the Title

Once a week, David and his mom have a home visitor who comes to see how 22-month-old David is doing. The home visitor helps David decide which book he wants to read. Mom reads the title, *Goodnight Moon*, while she points to each word. She encourages David to repeat the title and David says, "Moon." The home visitor says, "Yes, you're right, 'Moon.'" Mom reads both words in the title again, pointing to the words while David says, "G'moon." The home visitor comments to David's mom that he seems to like "reading" the title of the book because he keeps asking for it.



Signs and Reading

Nina is a 22-month-old toddler who has a hearing impairment. Her mom uses both sign language and speech while they are looking at Nina's favorite books. While Mom reads, she signs and points to the words in the book. This helps Nina make the connection between the signed words and letters and printed words and letters. Nina likes her new alphabet book the best.