

Madison Public Library's

Storytime Starters

Theme: Ding Dong, Knock Knock (Spring 2018)

Books for Toddlers:

Maisy takes a Bath by Lucy Cousins, ©2002 (CPC)**

Knock! Knock! Where's my Bear? by Kaori Takahashi, ©2015 (PICTBOOK)***

Hooray for Hat! By Brian Won ©2014 (FAVORITES)***

"Hi, Pizza Man!" by Virginia Walter ©1995 (CPC)**

Books for Preschoolers:

A Visitor for Bear by Bonny Becker ©2008 (CHARACTERS)*

Jeremy Draws a Monster by Peter McCarty ©2009 (FAVORITES)

The Monster Returns by Peter McCarty ©2012 (FAVORITES)

Those Pesky Rabbits by Ciara Flood ©2015 (ANIMALS)*****

The boy who cried ninja by Alex Latimer ©2011 (FAVORITES)

The paper bag princess by Robert Munsch ©1980 (FAVORITES)

Ella Sarah Gets Dressed by Margaret Chodos-Irvine ©2003 (FAVORITES)***

Tea with Oliver by Mika Song ©2017 (FAVORITES)***

School-Age Extension:

Knock, Knock! by Saxton Freymann ©2007 (+818.60208 K752k)***

Knock Knock: my dad's dream for me by Daniel Beaty ©2013 (PICTBOOK)

Just a Minute: A trickster tale and counting book by Yuyi Morales ©2003 (+398.2097201 M792j)**



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Fingerplays & Songs :

Little Cabin in the Woods

Traditional

this "less violent" variation by Carissa Christner

Little cabin in the woods

(draw a house shape in the air)

Little man by the window stood

(hand shading eyes, looking around)

Saw a rabbit hopping by

(two fingers up, hopping motion)

Knocking at his door.

(mime knocking)

"Help me, help me, Sir!" He said

(arms in a V shape, "help" motion)

It's cold outside and my ears are red

(cross arms over chest to rub arms and cup hands over ears to stay warm)

Come little rabbit, come with me

(beckon "come here" with forefinger)

See how happy we can be!

(one hand pets other arm that has two fingers/bunny ears up)

Note: this song can also be repeated in a teeny-tiny version and an enormous version ("Great Big Cabin in the woods" etc). The more you ham it up, the better, of course!

Frere Jacques

(traditional)

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping,

Brother John, Brother John?

Morning bells are ringing,

Morning bells are ringing.

Ding ding dong. Ding ding dong.

Frere Jacques, Frere Jacques,

Dormez vous? Dormez vous?

Sonnez les matines,

Sonnez les matines.

Ding ding dong. Ding ding dong.

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Knock, Knock, who's there?

[\(source: Susan M. Dailey\)](#)

Knock, knock, who's there?

(pretend to knock, hold out hands in questioning position)

Two little feet that go tap, tap

(hold up correct number of fingers, do motions as indicated)

Knock, knock, who's there?

Two little knees that go slap, slap

Knock, knock, who's there?

Two little hips that go wiggle, wiggle

Knock, knock, who's there?

One little tummy that goes jiggle, jiggle

Knock, knock, who's there?

Two little arms that go flap, flap

Knock, knock, who's there?

Two little hands that go clap, clap

Knock, knock, who's there?

Two little eyes that go blink, blink

Knock, knock, who's there?

One little head that goes think, think

Knock, knock, who's there?

Open the door and see.

(pretend to open door)

Knock, knock, who's there?

It's every part of me.

(wiggle whole body)

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Big Book: The Doorbell Rang*

Flannel Boards: Box of socks***, Mrs. McMurphy's Pumpkin, Mr. Wolf's Pancakes, Five Elephants in the Bathtub*, Mouse House Rhyme**

Prop Stories: --mr. Wiggle :& Mr. Woggle --a prop-less story

<https://guybrarian.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/mr-wiggle-and-mr-waggle.pdf>

*Paper Bag Princess, Hi Pizza Man ***

Movies: The Pig's Picnic (VHS)

App: Knock Knock with Bato

Stamps: Door stamp (yes, Carissa just made a stamp when she couldn't find one. Ridiculous.)***

Craft: Cut a "door" in a piece of paper and glue it to another sheet (see example in kit). Have kids draw who or what they think might be on the other side of the door (or cut it out of paper and swap it out as a guessing game with a friend or parent).***

Play Literacy: Have kids practice telling each other knock knock jokes! (see the knock knock joke book for some great inspiration, or just have them make some up—even funnier!)

Early Learning Tip: **



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Learning the pattern of a knock-knock joke is a great way for kids to learn about social conversation patterns and how to take turns. Plus, kid-made knock-knock jokes are hilarious!



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