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Storytime Starters

I’m Brave! (Fall 2017)

Books for Toddlers:

Pouch by David Ezra Stein, © 2009 (AOTPB, Stein)
Little Mouse by Alison Murray, © 2012 (FAVORITES, Murray)
You Can Do it Bert! By Ole Konnecke, © 2014 (FAVORITES, Konnecke)
Can you Make a Scary Face by Jan Thomas © 2009 (FAVORITES, Thomas)
I am so Brave! By Steve Krensky © 2014 (BOARD, Krensky)
A Brave Bear by Sean Taylor © 2016 (ANIMALS Taylor)

Books for Preschoolers:

Night Animals by Gianna Marino © 2015 (NATURE, Marino)
The Dark by Lemony Snicket © 2013 (AOTPB, Snicket)
Tiptop Cat by C. Roger Mader © 2014 (NATURE, Mader)
Miss Hazeltine’s Home for Shy and Fearful Cats by Alicia Potter © 2015 (ADVANCED, Potter)
Red: A Crayon’s Story, by Michael Hall © 2015 (STORIES, Hall)
Max the Brave by Ed Vere © 2015 (CHARACTERS, Vere)
There’s an Alligator Under My Bed by Mercer Mayer © 1943 (CPC copy SEQ)
Nino Wrestles the World by Yuyi Morales (STORIES, Morales)
Go Away, Big Green Monster! Ed Emberly © 1992 (CPC copy SMB)
Let’s Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy by Jan Thomas © 2012 (FAVORITES, Thomas)
Skunk on a String by Thao Lam © 2016 (ANIMALS, Lam)
Drum Dream Girl by Margarita Engle © 2015 (AOPB Engle)

School-Age Extension:

Red by Jan DeKinder © 2015 (GROWING, De Kinder)
Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress by Christine Baldacchino © 2014 (GROWING)
One day in the Eucalyptus Eucalyptus Tree by Daniel Bernstrom © 2016 (AOTPB, Bernstrom)
Fingerplays & Songs:

**Going on a Bear Hunt**  
(from storytime Katie)

We’re going on a Bear Hunt  
We’re gonna catch a big one!  
I’m not scared  
What a beautiful day!

Oh look some long wavy grass  
Can’t go over it  
Can’t go under it  
Can’t go around it  
Gotta go through it!  
Swish, swish, swish swish

(river, mud, storm, cave etc until we meet the bear, then run back!)

**Five Brave Firefighters**  
(from  
[www.kindergartensmorgasboard.com](http://www.kindergartensmorgasboard.com))

Five brave firefighters sleeping in a row  
Ring, ring goes the bell and down the pole they go

Jump in the truck and hurry down the street  
Climb up the ladder and feel the fire’s heat

Five brave firefighters put the fire out  
Hip, hip hooray all the people shout!

**I like the Noisy Wind**  
(from Storytime Katie with 2nd & 3rd verses added by Rebecca Millerjohn) to the tune of Farmer in the dell, can use shaker eggs or scarves too or act out the noises

I like the noisy wind,  
I like the noisy wind,  
It roars and mutters  
(loud and then soft)  
And shakes and shutters  
(shake & shutter)  
I like the noisy wind

I like the thunder storm,  
I like the thunder storm,  
It sparks and boom (stomp feet to boom)  
And lights up my room!  
I like the thunder storm

I like the inky dark,  
I like the inky dark,  
It grows and creeps…  
And lulls me right to sleep  
I like the inky dark
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*Mouse Count* by Ellen Stout Walsh

Flannel Boards:

*Go Away, Big Green Monster!*

*Let’s Sing a Lullaby with the Brave Cowboy*

*Super Hero Suits up!*

Prop Stories:

*The Paper Bag Princess*

*Go Away, Big Green Monster*

Movies:

*Scaredey Squirrel*

*I’m Brave!*

*Giraffes Can’t Dance*

App:

Stamps: Snake, alligator, balancing cat

Craft:

Make a Brave Mask! It could be a scary face to scare off a big green frog, or a wolf that loves lullabies. (Using paper plates, yarn, and shape stickers from kit)

Early Learning Tip:

Children especially age 3-5 developmentally have very active imaginations that can make it hard to rationalize what is imaginary and real (especially when they imagine something scary). Books can be a great way of safely exploring ideas that might be scary and provide chances to talk about and calm nerves about new experiences.