

Tell us a story!



You can talk about

- Yourself
- The child and his/her experiences
- What the child did today, yesterday, or is going to do tomorrow
- The child's family
- Things you've read
- Things you've seen on television
- Movies you've seen
- Things that happen to you at work
- Stories your elders told you

Storytelling Strategies

- Remember that telling stories is about sharing emotions, images, ideas, or events.
- Exaggerate your facial expressions and tone of voice—children find stories much more interesting when you are animated.
- Tell a quick short story; your stories don't have to be long and detailed, just tell a few sentences about what happened today.
- Keep all the children involved by responding to each one's verbal and facial responses.



- Make the story interesting by elaborating and even exaggerating the details.
- Use props—your children's toys, things in the environment, items in the car or the grocery store, even your own fingers can help you tell the story!

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