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Join a little boy as he says goodnight to all his toys, in this playful bedtime story.



Share a book together.

Research shows that just 10 minutes of shared reading a day helps your child's communication, imagination and listening skills.

Here are some top tips for reading with your little one:

- Pay attention to the things they take an interest in on the page and talk about those things.
- Repeat the bits they like best and even make up your own stories.
- If they say a word, build on the word by adding a phrase around it. For example, if they say 'apple', you could say 'yes, apples on the tree'.
- Put on voices, make sound effects and pull faces
 these will all help your child to engage.
- Try and sit close together, so that your child can see your face as you speak. Encourage them to hold the book and turn the pages.

Puppet Play

Playing with a puppet is lots of fun! If you don't have a toy puppet, draw or craft a face on an old sock. Let your little one talk or play directly with the puppet and make sure there are plenty of pauses in your play, so they have a chance to respond.





Sweet Dreams

Good night to you. Good night to me. Now close your eyes and go to sleep. Good night. Sleep tight. Sweet dreams tonight. Good night

Why not try this calming song just before bed?