

Have you tried these tips for reading with 0-24 month olds?

- Help your baby to explore the book. Let your baby turn the pages, grab, or even chew on it.
- Point out interesting pictures and take the time to ask questions as you read. Say, "Look at the butterfly." Cover it and ask, "Where is the butterfly?" Uncover it and say, "Peek-a-boo butterfly!"
- Stay on a page for as long as your baby is interested. Turn the page or stop reading when your baby looks away or seems tired or bored.
- Read with joy and excitement. Use different voices for different characters.
- Ask questions your child can answer by pointing. You can say, "Where's the doggie?" or "Where's the happy baby?" or "Who says meow?"
- Imitate the sounds your child makes while looking at a picture. Then add a very short phrase, such as, "Moo, the cow says moo." Copy your reactions to the book you are enjoying together.
- Speaking in slow, short sentences and waiting for your child to take a turn talking helps him understand.
- Let your toddler give a picture a name; then add a comment like: "Yes, a plane! The plane is flying. The plane is flying in the sky."
- Help your child pretend to be a character in a book. You can pretend to feed a baby or be puppies, barking and running after each other.