



Have you tried these tips for reading with 2 and 3 year olds?

- Cuddle up with your child on your lap.
 - Look at your child as you read.
 - Let your child lead.
 - Ask your child to point out things in the pictures and talk about them.
 - Use the pictures to teach new words. Say, “See the trumpet? A trumpet is a loud instrument that makes music.” Then pretend to play the trumpet.
 - Ask questions about the story. “What are the bears doing in this picture?” Pause and then help your child answer. Leave room for your child to make things up.
 - Act out parts of the story.
 - Use the story to start a conversation about something you and your child have done together.
 - Start a conversation by repeating an important word your child has just said and wait for your child to say something more.
 - Read with joy and enthusiasm! Use different voices for different characters.
 - Count pictures and wait for your child to repeat the numbers after you.
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