



Story Telling

Family History

Children love hearing stories about when they were little. They also love hearing stories about you when you were a child!

1. Choose a Story

Think of a favorite family story. It could be about a special trip, a family tradition or even a moment that didn't go as planned.

2. Tell the Story Aloud

Share the story with your child. Make sure to use expression and include small details to make it come alive.

Make up Stories

Storytelling is a wonderful way to boost your child's listening skills and foster their imagination.

1. Retell a Favorite Story

Choose a story your child already knows and loves. Add a new character, change the ending or make up a new problem for the main character to solve.

2. Use an Object

Pick something from your home, a photo, a shell or stuffed animal and make up a story about it.

3. Story Prompts

- A mystery box arrived at your door. What's inside?
- Your family has shrunk to the size of ants. What do you do first?
- You found a map under your bed. Where does it lead?
- You woke up this morning and there is a penguin that can talk in your bedroom.
- You discovered a special door. What happens when you open it?
- A friendly dragon asks you for help. What do you do?
- You wake up and everything is upside down.

4. To Be Continued

Tell a story in parts and end each one with a cliffhanger. Continue the story the next day to build excitement and memory skills.

Extension Ideas

1. Act It Out

Turn a story into a short play and act out what happens.

2. Audio Story

Record a family member telling the story. This will be a great way to preserve the story and be able to listen to it later.

3. Write it Down

After telling the story, write it together. You can write the words, or your child can help sound out and spell a few words.

Invite your child to draw pictures to go along with the story. If you like to draw, feel free to draw some illustrations as well.

Keep the story in a folder or a digital folder. Any new stories you share can be added so that you are creating your own Family Story Collection!

Every few months, go back and read the stories and see how your child's drawing and storytelling skills grow.