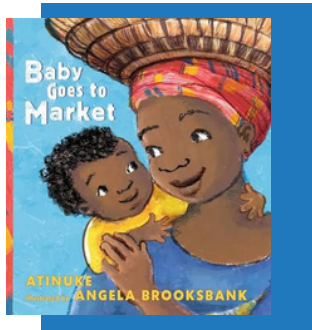




Storytime Guide

Baby Goes to Market

by Atinuke, illustrated by Angela Brooksbank

Let's Read Together!

Ask questions as you read:

- Ask how the market Baby and Mama visit is the same or different from the market/store you visit. Do you go to markets like this one or farmers markets?
- Before reading ask, "What do you think we will see on this trip to the market/grocery store?"

More Ideas:

- The words *baby* and *bananas* both start with the same sound. Think of more words that start with that sound.
- Talk about the foods in the story and the foods in Mama's basket. Count some of them and ask if any of them have similar shapes, colors, and sizes.

Let's Talk!

- *Baby Goes to Market* is a great book for counting and working on the numbers 1-6. Make a game of counting and finding what you see in the story. Motorcycles, wheelbarrows, chickens etc.

Rhymes and fingerplays are not only fun but help build phonological awareness which is an important skill for learning how to read. Try this one with your child:

Pop Goes the Berry

Sung to *Pop Goes the Weasel*

*All around the strawberry bush,
(crouch down OR make a circle with arms)*

*We picked some juicy berries.
(pretend to pick berries)*

*We brought them home and washed them off,
(rub hands together)*

Pop! Go the berries!

(Have kids jump up on "pop" OR they can pop a berry in their mouth)

Sing again with raspberries,
blackberries, and blueberries!



REPEAT READS

When your child asks to read the same book over and over—that's a good sign! Young children learn from repetition.

WORDS TO KNOW

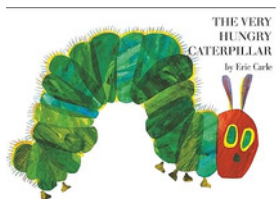
Phonological awareness is the ability to hear and play with sounds in spoken language. Singing songs and nursery rhymes helps build this skill.

Let's Create & Play!

- **Pretend to shop at the market.** Pick up foods in the same order Baby chose them in the story. (You could also make them with play dough.) Count each item as you go - five bananas (one, two, three, four, five), four oranges, three chin-chin cookies, two ears of roasted sweet corn, and one piece of coconut. See how many of the items your child can remember, along with the order and the amount of each item.
- **Play a balancing game.** Can you balance a basket or other objects on your head like Mama?
- **Play market with a toy cash register and play food.** Take turns being Mama, Baby, and the market vendors. Pretend to go grocery shopping with toy foods at home.
- **Sing the Raffi song, Apples and Bananas**

More to Explore

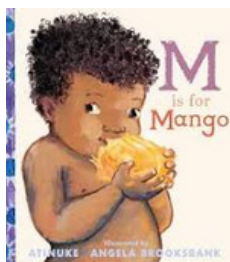
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The Very Hungry Caterpillar
by Eric Carle



Maisy Goes Shopping
by Lucy Cousins



M is for Mango
by Atinuke, illus. by Angela Brooksbank



On Our Way! What a Day!
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Language and Literacy

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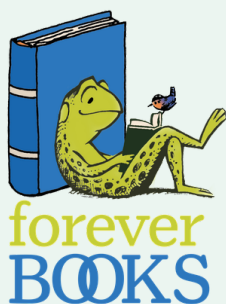
- holds a book correctly, turns one page at a time.
- retells familiar stories using both storybook language and pictures.
- makes predictions about what will happen next.
- with guidance and support begins to speak audibly to express thoughts feelings and ideas.

Approaches to Learning and Play

- participates in a variety of rhythmic and creative movement activities.
- represents fantasy and real-life experiences through pretend play and may use props.

Mathematical Practices

- Counts items to 10, recognizing the last number tells how many. (cardinality)



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