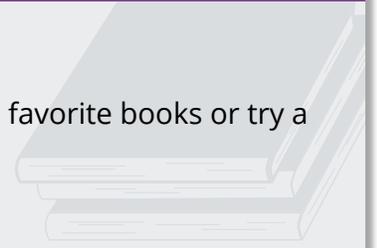
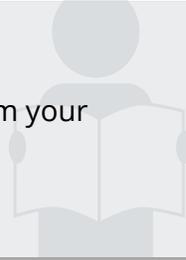


# Storytelling Tips for Families

Read one of your child's favorite books or try a new book.



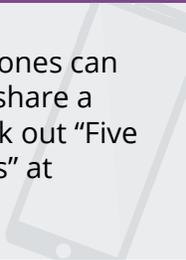
Tell a fun story about something from your childhood.



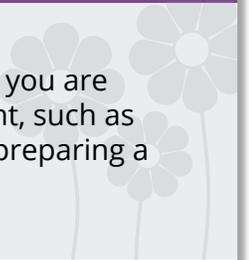
Children love to hear stories about when they were "young," too. Tell your child a story about a memorable moment or something special about them.



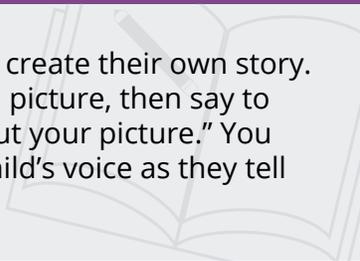
Face-timing via tablets and smart phones can be a creative way for a loved one to share a story from afar with your child. Check out "Five Tips to Make the Most of Video Chats" at [www.zerotothree.org](http://www.zerotothree.org).



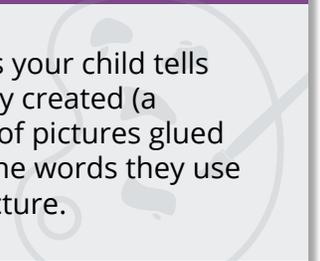
Tell a story about something that you are doing during an everyday moment, such as while gardening, repairing a car, preparing a meal, etc.



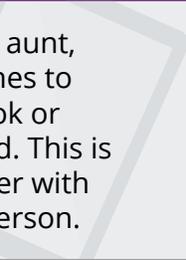
Encourage your child to create their own story. Ask your child to draw a picture, then say to your child, "Tell me about your picture." You can even record your child's voice as they tell their story.



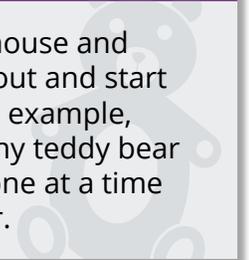
Publish your child's story. As your child tells you about a picture that they created (a drawing, painting, a collage of pictures glued on paper, etc), write down the words they use to tell a story about their picture.



Ask a grandparent, deployed parent, aunt, child care provider, or other loved ones to record a video of them reading a book or telling a story to share with your child. This is a great way for children to grow closer with loved ones that they cannot see in-person.



Gather items from around your house and put them in a bag. Pull one item out and start telling a story with your child. For example, "Once upon a time there was a tiny teddy bear . . ." Take turns taking items out one at a time as you add to your story together.



Tell a story with puppets. No worries if you do not have puppets - use stuffed animals, miniature dolls/superhero figurines, and socks as puppets.



Have your child tell a story or draw a picture story for loved ones.

