

# Cats

## Storytime To Go

### Books

*Bad Kitty*  
Nick Bruel

*Kitten's First Full Moon*  
Kevin Henkes

*Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes*  
Eric Litwin

*Splat the Cat*  
Rob Scotton

*Cat the Cat, Who is That?*  
Mo Willems

*How to Be a Cat*  
Nikki McClure

*Millions of Cats*  
Wanda Gag

*Bathe the Cat*  
Alice McGinty

### CD

*What Kind of Cat Are You?*  
Billy Jonas

### Toys

Cat puppet

### Fingerplays

#### Little Kittens

Five little kittens  
*(make your hand into a fist)*  
All fluffy and white  
Sleeping and purring  
All through the night.  
It's time to get up now sleepyheads.  
Meow, meow, meow, meow,  
Meow  
*(Raise one finger each time you meow)*  
Five little kittens all up from their beds.

Folk Rhyme from *Preschool Favorites: 35 Storytimes Kids Love* by Diane Briggs

#### Two Little Kittens

Two little kittens sitting on a hill  
*(hold up one finger on both hands)*  
One named Jack and one named Jill  
*(hold one finger forward, then the other)*  
Run away Jack, run away Jill  
*(put one finger behind your back, then the other)*  
Come back Jack, come back Jill  
(bring one finger back, then the other)

*Traditional*

### Action Rhymes

#### My Kitten Stretches

*(act out motions)*  
My kitten stretches one paw high,  
With the other, she'll touch the sky.  
Then says, "meow" and turns around,  
Then folds her paws and sits right down.

*From King County Library System*

#### We are Little Kitty Cats

We are little kitty cats  
*(crawl or tip toe)*  
Walking round and round  
*(walk around)*  
We have cushions on our feet  
*(show your feet)*  
And we never make a sound  
*(whisper)*



## Songs

### I Have a Little Kitten

(Sung to: "Sing a Song of Sixpence")

I have a little kitten,  
She's black and white and gray.  
When I try to cuddle her,  
She always wants to play,  
So I drag a piece of yarn  
Across the kitchen floor.  
She thinks it is a little mouse  
To chase right out the door.

Author unknown

<http://tinyurl.com/yhoeb45>

### Kitty

(Sung to: "Bingo")

I know a cat with perky ears,  
And kitty is her name-o.  
K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y,  
And Kitty is her name-o. She  
makes a sound and it's "meow,"  
And Kitty is her name-o.  
K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y, K-I-T-T-Y,  
And Kitty is her name-o.

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## Science & Math

### Why Do Cats Purr?

Ask your child why they think cats purr? Then research the answer by checking out books from your library or using one of the library's databases to find the answer. Forming questions for exploration is an important part of the scientific process.

From Kidsparkz.com

### The Old Grey Cats

The old gray cats are sleeping,  
sleeping, sleeping

The old gray cats are sleeping,  
in the house.

The old gray cats are eating,  
eating, eating

The old gray cats are eating,  
in the house.

The old gray cats are playing,  
playing, playing

The old gray cats are playing,  
in the house.

The old gray cats are sleeping,  
sleeping, sleeping

The old gray cats are sleeping,  
in the house.

The little mice are creeping,  
creeping, creeping

The little mice are creeping, in  
the house.

The little mice are nibbling,  
nibbling, nibbling

The little mice are nibbling, in  
the house

The little mice are playing,  
playing, playing

The little mice are playing, in  
the house.

The old gray cats are waking,  
waking, waking

The old gray cats are waking,  
in the house

From Nancy Stewart

<http://www.nancymusic.com/>



## Arts & Crafts

### Cat Costume

Make a cat mask from a paper plate, construction paper and markers. Tape a large craft stick to the bottom of the mask so it can easily be held in front of your face.

Braid several long lengths of yarn together and secure to the back waist of pants to make a tail.

### Pete the Cat

*Pete the Cat* is a phenomenon in the right circles and there are literally hundreds of Pete the Cat crafts. One of the great things about Pete the Cat is that the story lends itself to reinforcing toddlers' sense of color and counting. Make your own Pete the Cat felt board and have kids guess which color comes next.

#### Early Literacy Take Home:

Look at the word *cat* with your child. Identify each letter and its corresponding sound. *Cat* is a great word to begin the process of decoding.

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