

Some Tips on Reading and Telling Stories

Bedtime stories are an excellent way to close out the day with kids. Here are a few tips for a good experience:

1. Read over the story ahead of time, especially if it is a lyric rhyme story. Anticipate any questions that may be asked about the story and have your answers ready.
2. Read or tell the story with passion. Use your voice, facial expressions, and hand and body movements to act out the story. If you have any props, that can make the story even better.
3. Encourage listeners to ask questions about the story. You may even want to ask questions about the story as you tell it.
4. Picture book stories are better for young children. As you read the story they can follow along by looking at the pictures. Unfortunately, the stories presented here are not picture book stories; they are better for children in the early elementary grades (i.e. 2-3 grade). If you have young children, check your library or Christian supply store for good picture book stories.
5. Each story has a theme or message. Help the kids get it.
6. Finally, make story telling a fun time. Have fun yourself. Make up stories using your own characters and using your own life experiences.