

**Play is how babies learn and grow.
You are your baby's first teacher and favourite toy.**

READ

Even very little babies enjoy books. When you cuddle up and read to them you are not only showing them that reading is fun and important but you are also bonding with them. Small books with bright simple pictures make excellent first books for babies.

BEFORE READING:

Introduce the concept of 'peekaboo':

- Hide a cuddly toy under a little blanket, remove the blanket and exclaim "Peekaboo!"
- Cover the toy again and use the words from the book to ask "Where has the (name cuddly toy) gone?"
- Remove the blanket and say "peekaboo" again.

Look at the cover of the book and talk about how the little bear is hiding just like your cuddly toy was.

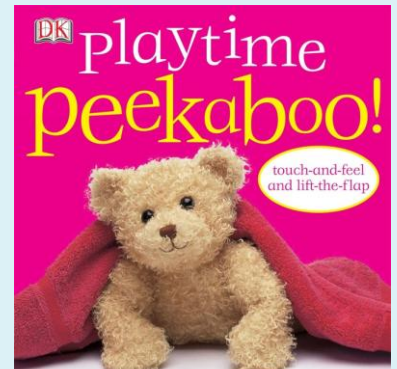
Have fun touching the texture on the teddy bear.

DURING READING:

Spend time talking about the pictures, especially if you can make familiar connections, for example, "Look at the soft orange hat. You have a blue hat. You wear your blue hat to protect you from the sun".

A child's vocabulary (the amount of words they know) has been linked to later reading success so try and use lots of new and interesting words everyday.

Depending on their age, encourage little ones to lift the flaps, touch the textures on each page and join in with 'peekaboo'.



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There are lots of FREE things to explore including recommended books, e-books, fun things to make and do, giveaways and so much more.

Another fun game is to hold baby in front of a mirror and then move to the side and ask “Where are you?” move back in front of the mirror and say “Peekaboo”.

Play *Hide And Seek* with one of baby’s toys. Hide a teddy, or any toy, under a small blanket. Ask baby “Where’s Teddy?” and then lift up the blanket. They will love seeing their toy appear and will soon try to lift the blanket themselves.

CREATE

PAPER PLATE PEEKABOO

Make a paper plate box to hide pictures inside.
Open the box, “Peekaboo! What can you see?”

For easy instructions visit www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au and download the Activity Time template.

More Books About Families

- Time For Bed* by Mem Fox
- Hush Hush, Kiss Kiss and Little Humpty* by Margaret Wild
- The Family Book* by Todd Parr
- Farm Babies* by Rod Campbell

Useful websites:

For printable activities:

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