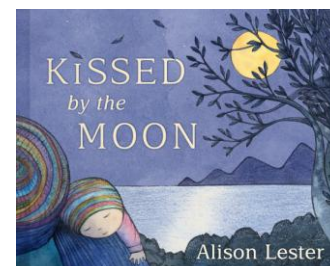


Kissed By The Moon by Alison Lester

Theme: Celebrate family and friends (Dec 2013)

A gentle story which is part poem and part lullaby. A beautiful book which celebrates a baby's wonder at our beautiful world. This is a timeless, lovely bedtime story to share together.



Key Message For Parents: The best learning happens in nurturing relationships

- Healthy brain development is a result of caring relationships in nurturing environments
- Children's secure relationships help them feel respected and valued
- Children will interact and engage positively with others when they feel confident and safe

Learning Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

- Children are happy, healthy, safe and connected to others
- Children use their senses to explore and respond to their world
- Children develop trust and confidence within their secure relationships

Welcome

Ask carers to write nametags for themselves and their babies.

Welcome everyone, introduce yourself, remind adults to turn their mobile phones off and that there will be time for adults to chat after the story and songs.

Sing Welcome Song (or your preferred song)

Have the words available as a handout or written on a board or butcher's paper for the adults to read and join in.

Good Morning

Good morning to you

Good morning to you

Good morning everybody

And welcome to you!



Song

1 2 3, I love you so!

One, I love you. Two, I love you. Three, I love you so.

Four, I love you, Five I love you, rock you to and fro.

Six, I love you, Seven I love you, Eight you love me too.

Nine, I love you, Ten I love you. Cuddles just for you!

Now let's get ready to read! Remind everyone how young listeners listen to a story: sitting still and up close to the book. Sometimes your child likes to be cuddled during a story. It helps them to feel safe and secure. Now we are ready to start!

Before Reading

This story is called 'Kissed By The Moon' and is written by Alison Lester. Have a look at the front cover, can you see the moon? Are there any people on the cover? Let's open up the whole cover so we can all of the picture, how many people can we see now?

I wonder, can you be kissed by the moon? Can the moon really kiss you? Let's read the story and find out what happens.

During Reading

Each page has a phrase which is part of a lullaby, full of wishes for a little baby. Read it slowly, with pauses after each part, taking the time to look carefully at the pictures. Each picture features a part of the environment that you can look at together: a backyard, a garden, a beach, a forest. There are seasons of the year: summer, autumn, winter, spring. There are creatures on each page: birds, dogs, cats, insects, a koala, an owl. This story can be reread to highlight some of these aspects of the beautiful illustrations.

After Reading

The baby does many different things in the story. Can you name any of the things? Sleep, wake, eat, smile, splash, walk, sing, and sleep again.

What things do you like to do with your family?



Song

Skiddamarink

Skiddamarink a dink a dink
Skiddamarink a doo
I love you
Skiddamarink a dink a dink
Skiddamarink a doo
I love you
I love you in the morning
And in the afternoon
I love you in the evening
And underneath the moon
Oh!
Skiddamarink a dink a dink
Skiddamarink a doo
I love you
I really mean it!
I love you.

There are many other lovely lullabies that you could sing together, including:

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle Twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are

When the blazing sun has gone
When it nothing shines upon
Then you show your little light
Twinkle, twinkle all the night
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are.



Activity Time

Make a handprint picture

Materials needed:

- coloured paper
- textas
- glue

Trace around the child's hand on a coloured or patterned piece of paper. Alternatively, use a painting the child has done previously. Cut around the hand. Glue the hand on to a bigger piece of paper. On another piece of coloured paper, draw a small heart. Write the child's name and age inside the heart. Stick it on to the hand. You can do one of these hands each year and display them at home, to show your child's development. As they grow, they may be able to colour in the hand and write letters of their name. You can frame your picture or put holes in the top corners to tie some string and hang the picture. (From mylifeandkids.com)



Further extension ideas:

- Go out into the garden and smile at the flowers, use your senses in the environments around you to notice the little things: the insects on the ground, the grains of sand at the beach, notice the breeze and the sun.
- If it is winter and becomes dark early, you could rug up your baby and take them outside to see the moon and the stars, and sing 'Twinkle Twinkle' outside.

Goodbye

Conclude the session by thanking everyone for coming and suggesting some great books for further learning. The Little Big Book Club recommends the following books for this age group:

- Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox and Helen Oxenbury
- You Are My Special Baby by Carol Chataway and Danny Snell

Goodbye Song

Depending on the size of your group, you may wish to insert each child's name in the place of 'you' as it develops a more personal relationship between yourself, the child and the family.

Sung to the tune of (*Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*) **or** your preferred choice.

Goodbye

This is the way we say goodbye (use a waving action)

Say goodbye, say goodbye

This is the way we say goodbye

To all our library friends (or) (to our friend.....)!