

READ – 9 to 18 Months

Activities You Can Do With Your Young Child Today

- ◆ Talk about the pictures. You don't have to read the words on the page to spend quality time with a book.
- ◆ Read aloud a recipe as you prepare a meal. Read and point to signs at the store, on the bus or anywhere you go.
- ◆ Ask questions. "Where is the moon?" or "Is that a silly pig?" Let your child respond! Your baby's babbling, pointing, patting, cooing and simple words are how she communicates with you.
- ◆ Make up your own story. Pick a favorite book and make up a brand new story to go along with the pictures.
- ◆ Fill your world with books. Put a book in your diaper bag, your car, your purse, your briefcase and grandma's house. When you have a spare minute or need to calm a crying child, you'll have a book nearby and ready to go.
- ◆ Take a trip to the library and let your child explore. Tell the librarian which books your child likes best, and ask for recommendations for more books to enjoy together.
- ◆ Let your child help turn the pages and encourage touching, pointing and patting of books. Board books with flaps to lift or holes to poke are great for little hands.

