



Talking Pack



Early literacy tip:

Talking is a great way to build early literacy skills. Before you read a book, talk with your child about what's on the cover, what the book might be about, and what your child thinks will happen. This builds narrative skills, expands vocabulary, and helps your child learn how to express herself/himself.

Books:

- *Chicken Talk* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *The Big Umbrella* by Amy June Bates
- *Flashlight* by Lizi Boyd

Activities:

- Find and Seek Scavenger Hunt
- Learn With Me Flashcards
- Junior Learning Roll-a-Story

Suggestions for how to interact with these books and activities:

- Have a conversation with your child as you play with the scavenger hunt cards. Ask them questions about the shape, size, and color and uses of the items they find. For instance, you could ask "what shape is a button?" Or "can you find a button on your clothes?"
- As you go through the Learn with Me Flashcards, talk about a connection your child might have to the object. For instance, with the airplane card, you might guide them in telling you what they remember from their last trip on an airplane. If they don't have a connection with the card (ie. never been on an airplane), talk about what the object looks like or what it's used for to make a connection! Don't forget to try out the fun games on the backside of each flashcard!
- Roll the Roll-a-Story dice and create a story out loud together! Start with two dice and slowly add more. By talking together, you can create the words for your own story!
- Use the book *Flashlight* to practice "reading" wordless picture books together. Take a picture walk through the story by stopping on each page to talk about what is going on in the pictures. Ask your child open-ended questions about the story (questions that don't have a simple "Yes" or "No" answer). For instance, you could ask, "What





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animal does the boy see when he shines the flashlight in the backyard?" followed by "What would you explore if you had a flashlight at night?"

Practice at home:

- Open-ended questions help your child think about what they are reading; whenever you read together, encourage your child to talk about the story with you. Have a conversation about what is happening in the pictures that may not be directly stated in the text. Your child may even expand a story or add their own parts, and that is great!



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