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At Home Storytime for Families

Let's Explore Building!

Here are some songs to sing together!

Blocks

Blocks make building very tall
(Stand up on tip-toes and stretch)
Blocks make houses big and small
(Squat and make self small)
Blocks make buildings with steeples and doors
(Hands over head like steeple)
Blocks make towers that fall to the floor!
(Fall to the floor)

The Construction Worker Song

This is the way we pound the nails, pound the nails,
Pounds the nails
his is the way we pound the nails
So early in the morning
This is the way we saw the wood, saw the wood, saw
the wood
This is the way we saw the wood so early in the
morning.

Other Verses: Stack the bricks, Stir the paint, Paint
the wall

Virtual Read Alouds of Favorite Books

Blocks

by Irene Dickson

Some questions to ask during or
after the story:

*When Ruby and Benji see Guy with
his blocks, what do you think they
will say to him?*

*What would you build with Ruby,
Benji, and Guy?*

Building a House

by Byron Barton

Some questions to ask during or
after the story:

*If you were building a house, what
would you use?*

*Besides a house, what else would
you like to build?*

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Here are some activities the whole family can do together!

Do It Yourself Blocks

Materials: flattened cardboard, tape, crayons, markers

Use a variety of sizes of flat cardboard and decorate with crayons, markers etc. Encourage your child to draw different colors or designs. Help your child fold the boxes back up and tape them together so they are three dimensional. Arrange your new homemade blocks on the floor and see what you can build together!

My Toolbox

Have your child decorate an old shoebox or cardboard box using crayons, markers, paints, or any other art materials you have lying around the house. When you finish, have your child fill it with "tools" they might use--a pencil, glue stick, child safety scissors, or a favorite toy.



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