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At Home Storytime for Families

Let's Explore Transportation

Here are some songs to sing together!

[Hurry, Hurry, Drive the Fire Truck!](#)

Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck
Hurry, hurry, drive the fire truck
Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!

*Other verses: Turn the corner, Climb the ladder,
Get the hose, Squirt the water, Back to the station.*

[The Subway Song](#)

Oh, the city is big and the city is wide
So we use the subway
When we want to take a ride.
We go deep underground
When we want to get around
And the train doors open
With a big whoosh sound!
Whoosh!

And the people get in, and the people get out
And the people get in, and the people get out
And the people get in, and the people get out
And the train zooms off!

Virtual Read Aloud of Favorite Books

[My Truck is Stuck](#) by Kevin Lewis

Some questions to ask during or
after the story:

*What do you think will happen in
this story?
How would you help if you saw a
truck on the road that needs help?
What can the driver do next time to
not get stuck?*

[Freight Train](#) by Donald Crews

Some questions to ask during or
after the story:

*Have you ever taken a train?
What was it like?
What do you think is in each cart?
Where do you think the train is
going?*

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Here are some activities the whole family can do together!

Red Light, Green Light

Color a red, green and yellow circle on individual pieces of paper.

Or create a unique hand gesture that indicates red, green or yellow (i.e. 1 finger for green, 2 fingers for yellow, and a clap for red).

Create a start line and finish line.

- When you signal green, children walk quickly to the finish line.
- When you signal yellow, children move as slowly as they can.
- When you signal red, children stop!

See who makes it to the finish line first!

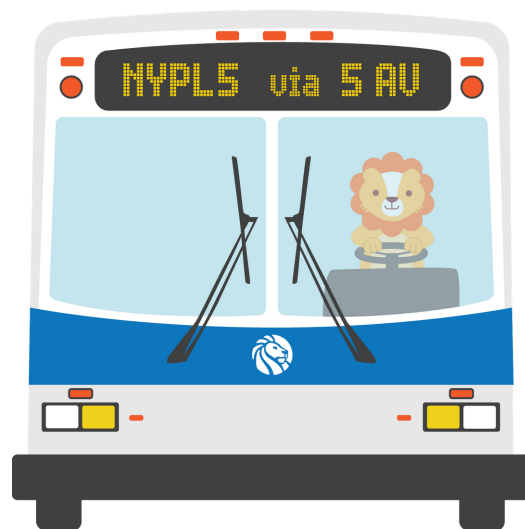
Optional: You can alter the movements, like green meaning hopping on one foot or crawling.

Toilet Paper Train Cars

Color toilet paper rolls with markers, paint, or whatever materials you have.

Once the roll is dry, glue or tape 4 “wheels” to the roll. The wheels can be recycled plastic lids or pre-cut paper circles.

Optional: Use scissors or a hole punch to connect the train cars with string or ribbon.



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