



## COMMUNITY

This Read Together Kit contains stories that are fun to share with one or many children. Combine these stories with any of the suggested songs and rhymes to create a community-themed storytime.

### Titles in this kit include:

#### Toddler and older:

- *Who Put the Cookies in the Cookie Jar?* by George Shannon
- *You Hold Me Up* by Monique Gray Smith

#### Preschool and older:

- *Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Peña
- *Maybe Something Beautiful* by F. Isabel Campoy
- *This Day in June* by Gayle E. Pitman
- *Windows* by Julia Denos

### Early Learning Ideas:

- Grow a child's language skills by sharing stories about the community they live in. Describe together the people, buildings, and businesses that make up your community. You can also draw a picture together of the things you talk about.
- Look around your neighborhood and see how many shapes and colors you can find. Try looking for just one color or shape and see how many examples you can find.
- When children learn about the world around them, it helps with an important pre-reading skill called background knowledge. Research has shown that background knowledge helps a child to better understand what they are reading when they start to read. This can include describing something in your community, such as a bridge or a fire station, or explaining how something is built or works. All new knowledge helps to build this skill.

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### Storytime Songs and Rhymes:

The More We Get Together (Tune: Have You Ever Seen a Lassie)

The more we get together, together, together.

The more we get together,

The happier we'll be.

'Cause your friends are my friends,

And my friends are your friends.

The more we get together,

The happier we'll be.

Watch a video of this song: <https://kcls.org/content/more-we-get-together/>

Hello My Friends by Nancy Stewart

Hello my friends won't you sing with me,

Sing with me, come and sing with me

Hello my friends, won't you sing with me

Won't you come and sing with me.

Other verses: read with me, dance with me, play with me

Watch a video of this song: <https://kcls.org/content/hello-my-friends/>

The Elevator Song

Oh the city is great and the city is grand

There are lots of tall buildings on a little piece of land

And we live way up on the 57th floor

And this is what we do when we go out the door.

We take the elevator up and the elevator down,

Take the elevator up, take the elevator down

Take the elevator up and the elevator down, and we turn around.

Watch a video of this rhyme: Go to the Jbrary YouTube channel and search for "The Elevator Song"

Buenos días (Spanish)

Buenos días. Buenos días.

¿Cómo está? ¿Cómo está?

Muy bien, gracias. Muy bien, gracias.

¿Y usted? ¿Y usted?

Other verses: Buenas tardes and Buenas noches.

Watch a video of this song: go to the WCCLS Birth2Six YouTube channel and search for "Buenos días"