



Ideas for sharing *Good Night Moon* with your child...

As you look through **Goodnight Moon**, you will think of many ways to share it with your infant, toddler or preschooler. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- Find and talk about all the things in the room and outside the window that the bunny says goodnight to: the telephone, the red balloon, the pictures on the wall, the kittens, socks, mittens, the stars and yes, the moon. When you get to the “goodnight” section of the book, ask your child to help you point to the object that comes after the word goodnight.
 - Try finding and talking about details, especially those that change positions from page to page:
 - the tiny mouse that is present (but sometimes hiding *almost* out of sight!)
 - the moving hands of the clock on the mantle
 - the rising moon in the left-hand window
 - Toddlers like to learn about the sizes of things. You can talk about how small the mouse is and how easy it is for him to hide. Are the kittens larger than the mouse? Where in the room might the kittens hide?
 - Which is bigger? The ball of yarn or the red balloon? A kitten or a mitten?
 - Use other words that relate to size: little and tiny, big, huge, and even enormous.
 - As you read, pause to let your child fill in favorite words. Pretending to read and knowing books well enough to remember the words – these are important early steps to becoming a good reader.
 - Create your own “Goodnight Moon” ritual. Walk around the room where your child will sleep and say goodnight to all the familiar objects: toys, chairs, etc.
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Reading with babies and toddlers REALLY means playing with books, looking at and talking about pictures and ideas in books, and learning about and enjoying the sounds of words in books.