DIY STORYTIME

THEME: OWLS

Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you.

READ

I’m Not Cute by Jonathon Allen
Happy by Emma Dodd
Ella’s Night Lights by Lucy Fleming
Little Owl’s Egg by Debi Gliori
Little Owl Lost by Chris Haughton
Little Owl’s Bedtime by Karl Newsom
Good night Owl by Greg Pizzoli
Little Owl’s Night by Divya Srinivasan
Hoot Owl, Master of Disguise by Sean Taylor
Bear Can’t Sleep by Karma Wilson

SING

Five Hoot Owls Rhyme
Five hoot owls sitting in a tree,
One flew away! How many do you see?
One, two, three, four.

Four hoot owls sitting in a tree,
One flew away! How many do you see?
One, two, three.
(Repeat until there are zero owls left)

Owl Hokey Pokey
(Tune: Hokey Pokey)
Put your right wing in, put your right wing out.
Put your right wing in, and you flap it all about.
You do the hokey pokey and you fly yourself around
That’s what it’s all about! Hoot, hoot!
(Repeat with other owl body parts: tail, ears, claws, etc.)

Owl In the Tree
(Tune: Skip to My Lou)
Owl in the tree says, who, who, who?
Owl in the tree says, who, who, who?
Owl in the tree says, who, who, who?
Who, who, who are you?

TALK

Have you ever seen an owl? Talk about what it looked like or when/where you would be most likely to see one. Discuss what kind of sounds owls make and be sure to practice your own owl imitations!

PLAY

Make an owl paper bag puppet and put on a puppet show.

Play simon says while including owl movements (flapping your wings, shaking your tail, scratching your claws, etc.)

Go on a nature walk and try to see an owl or have your own imaginary owl scavenger hunt inside.

WRITE

Complete the following matching activity and coloring page.
Help the owls find their nests!

Draw a line from an owl to its matching nest.