



At-Home Storytimes

Theme: Colors



Color Song

To the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It

Source: Tompkins County Public Library

If your clothes have any red, any red,
If your clothes have any red, any red,
If your clothes have any red,
Put your finger on your head
If your clothes have any red, any red

Other verses:

Blue – finger on your shoe

Yellow – smile like a happy fellow

Brown – turn your smile into a frown

Black – put your hands behind
your back

Purple – turn in a circle

White – Stomp your feet with all
your might

Tip: This song can be done with other colors and actions. The colors don't have to rhyme with the actions. Instead of colors wearing, it could be done with colors we see outside, what colors we're eating, and what colors we are using in building with blocks or creating art with.

Rainbow Song

To the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Source: teachingmama.org

Red and orange, green and blue,
Shiny yellow, purple too.
All the colors that we know,
Live up in the rainbow
Red and orange, green and blue,
Shiny yellow, purple too

Book Suggestions

The Hidden Rainbow by Christie Matheson

Bear Sees Colors by Karma Wilson

A Rainbow of Rocks by Kate DePalma

Red House, Tree House, Little Bitty Brown House

by Jane Godwin

Every Color Soup by Jorey Hurley

Mix it up! by Herve Tullet

Monsters Love Colors by Mike Austin

Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni

*For more books about colors check out our Concepts - Colors section in picture books!

Possible questions to ask while reading:

What colors do you see on this page?
Do we see any of the colors in the books in the room around us?
Are you wearing any of the colors we're reading about?
How many blue things do you see on this page? (Can be changed for other colors)

Possible questions while doing the activities:

How many colors did you find during the color hunt?
How many of each color do you have?
Which color has the most items?
What colors did you make?
What happens when you add white to the colors you made?

Activities at Home

Color Hunt

This activity can be done inside and outside. Give the child a color and send them out to find something in that color. If multiple people are participating, see who can bring the item first or who can find the most of that color. If you are at a park, they could even draw what they see in each color. After objects are found, discuss what was found. Possible conversations could be about if the items only come in that color, or if they come in any other colors. This is an activity with a lot of variations that can be made to fit your day and family.

Color Sorting

This is another activity with a lot of variations to it. Play food, LEGO or other blocks, and pom-poms are a couple of suggestions to begin to sort with. Give the child the desired amount for them to sort. They can sort these items by color on construction paper of the same color that is laid out. Once they have finished matching the items to the correct colors, see how many of each color they have. This also can be taken further by seeing which color has the most and the fewest. This is a great way to practice counting and comparing.

Color Mixing

Have playdough or paint in red, blue, and yellow to start with. To do a variety of experimenting with color mixing have white, black, and other colors readily available. Give the child one of each of the colors so they can mix the desired color from the following list: Red and blue make purple; red and yellow make orange; and blue and yellow make green. If mixing with playdough, it can take a little bit of time to make the color. It's not as instantaneous as mixing paint together. Once they have mixed playdough or paint together, see what other colors can be created by adding in or mixing together black, white, or any other colors provided.