



# At-Home Storytimes

## Theme: Trains



### The Wheels on the Train

To the tune of **The Wheels on the Bus**

Source: Jen in the Library

The wheels on the train  
Go clickety-clack,  
Clickety-clack, clickety-clack  
The wheels on the train  
Go clickety-clack  
All along the track

The whistle on the train  
Goes toot, toot, toot,  
Toot, toot, toot,  
Toot, toot, toot  
The whistle on the train  
Goes toot, toot, toot  
All along the track

Other verses:

- The conductor on the train says,  
"Ticket, please!"
- The people on the train go  
Bounce, bounce, bounce
- The engine on the train goes  
Chug, chug, chug

### The Subway Song

To the tune of **The Elevator Song**

Tip: great song to add your own motions to!

Source: Jbrary

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  
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

### Book Suggestions

Good Night, Little Engine by Janet Lawler  
Trains Don't Sleep by Andria Warmflash Rosenbaum  
Big Choo by Stephen Shaskan  
Chugga Chugga Choo Choo by Emma Garcia  
Follow the Track All the Way Back  
by Timothy Knapman  
I'm Fast! by Kate McMullan  
Night Train, Night Train by Robert Burleigh  
Freight Train by Donald Crews

\*For more books about trains, check out our  
Transportation - Trains section in picture books!

**Possible questions to ask while reading:**

Where do you think the train is going?  
Who do you think is on the train?  
What do you think the train is carrying?  
How many train cars do you see?  
What colors do you see?  
Why do you think a train doesn't sleep at night?

**Possible questions while doing the activities:**

How many circles did you use? Rectangles?  
How many big shapes did you use? Small shapes?  
What colors are in your train?  
How many letters are in your name?  
Who has the longest name?

# Activities at Home

## Shape Train

**Supplies:**

Construction paper  
Scissors  
Glue  
Markers, crayons, or something to color with

Take some of the construction paper, and cut different shapes from it. It can be shapes you're working on, learning about, or introducing new shapes. You can also cut out these shapes in different sizes. Give your child a piece of construction paper, glue, and the shapes. Your child can build a train of their own using these shapes. They can build the train first before gluing, or glue as they go. It is whatever works best for you and your family. Once their train is built, you can talk about the different shapes they used, the size of the shapes, how many of each they used.

## Name Train

**Supplies:**

Construction paper  
Sticky notes  
Markers or crayons  
Tape (optional)  
Scissors (for parents)

With the construction paper, create a train engine. With the other paper, write out your child's name or whoever is participating in the activity. I would recommend two letters per paper, and to write them fairly big. Once their name is written out, tape it to a wall, lay it on the floor, or lay it on a different surface. Draw a circle on each sticky note. Inside of each circle, write one letter of the name that you just wrote on the train. The sticky notes will be the wheels for the train. Give your child all of the sticky notes to build their name, or give them one at a time. Have them spell out their name by placing the correct sticky note under the corresponding letter on the train. Once all the letters are up, the train is finished!