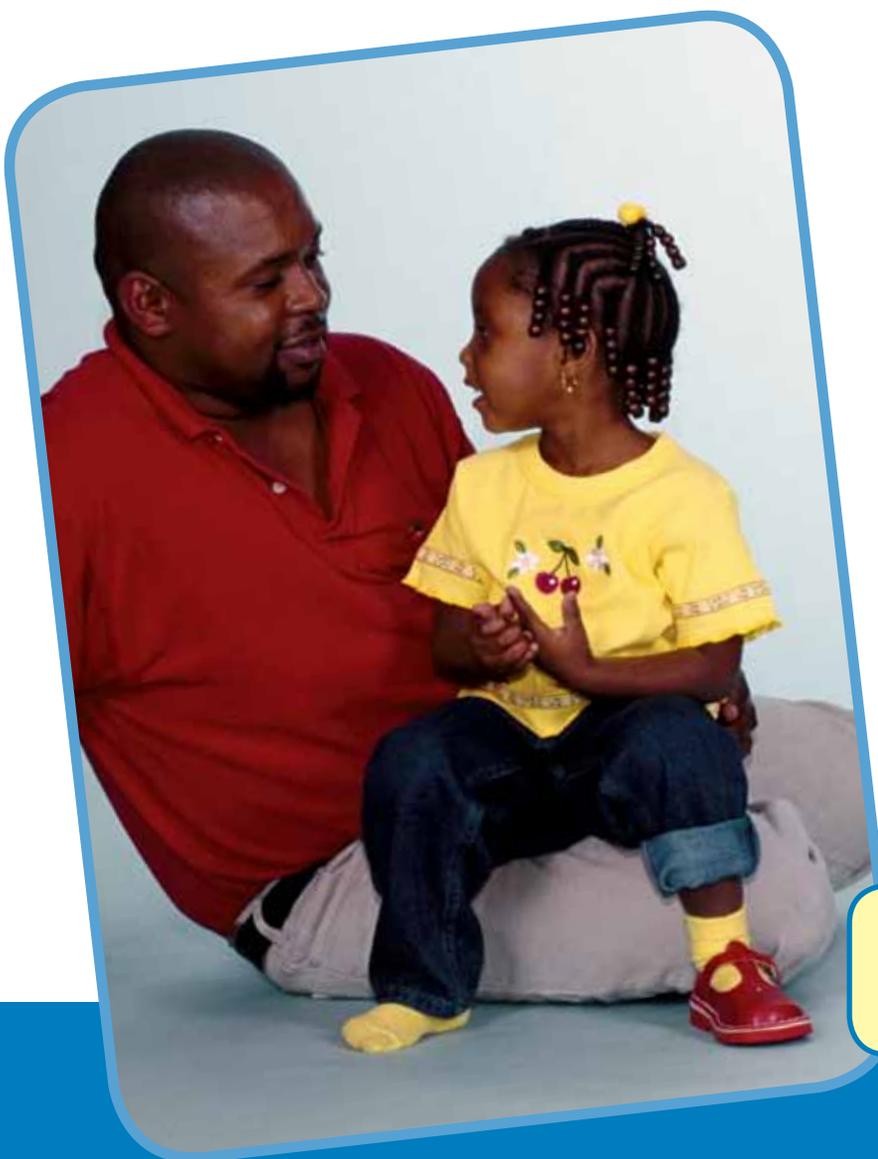


# Sharing Nursery Rhymes



Teach your child some of the nursery rhymes you learned when you were young.

Sharing songs from your childhood can help your child learn more about her family's culture.

*One shoe off and  
one shoe on...*



## Why this is important

Reciting rhymes with your child provides an excellent opportunity to teach her about the rhythm in language. Using the language and traditional rhymes of your childhood and your family's culture helps your child feel included in a group. Songs and stories are things that many people share in common.

## What you do

- Sing your favorite nursery rhymes from your childhood to your child. Make sure to include the favorite nursery rhymes of your family's culture.
- Invite your child to repeat short, simple rhymes. At first she may yell out just a few words that sound alike, but as time goes on she will learn to say more of the words.
- Chant the rhyme to add rhythm. Clap to the beat as you say the words.

## Another idea

Invite your child to act out a favorite nursery rhyme. Join in the acting, but let her be the leader.

### Let's read together!

*Hickory, Dickory, Dock: And Other  
Favorite Nursery Rhymes*  
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