STORYTIME THOUGHTS

While reading books about talent and talent shows with your child or children, reflect back on what the characters are going through. Ask your child questions while reading. [What are some of the talents these characters came up with? What are some talents that you think YOU have?] Guide your child in this narrative skill, which is being able to retell the events of the story you all are reading. This will help them navigate what is going on in the story and also helps them relate to the story as well.

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

CloudLibrary

- The Talent Show by Jo Hodgkinson
- The Scrambled States of America Talent show by Laurie Keller

PRINT BOOKS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY

- Penguin’s Hidden Talent by Alex Latimer
- Olivia. Star of the Show by Tina Gallo
- The Berenstain Bears and the Talent Show by Stan and Jan Berenstain

SONGS & RHYMES

- Wake and Wiggle
- ABC’s
- A is for Alligator
- I Have Talent, Yes I Do
- Clap your hands, Touch Your Toes

ACTIVITIES & GAMES

- Dance to some of your favorite songs!
- Try to balance on one foot as long as you can!
- Sing any of your favorite songs!

SONGS & RHYMES LYRICS

A is for Alligator

A is for alligator, chomp chomp chomp
B is for balloon, pop pop pop
C is for circle, round and round
D is for dizzy, lets sit down

Clap Your Hands, Touch Your Toes

Clap your hands, touch your toes
Turn around, put a finger on your nose
Flap your arms, jump up high
Wiggle your fingers and reach for the sky!
SONGS & RHYMES LYRICS

Wake and Wiggle

Wake up hands, wake up hands
Wake up hands and wiggle wiggle wiggle
Wake up hangs, wake up hands
Wake and wiggle in the morning!

[Continue with feet, ears or any other body parts you would like.]

I have Talent, Yes I Do
[sung to the tune of “ou Lou Skip to my Lou”]

I have talent yes I do
I have talent yes I do
I have talent yes I do
I have talent to show you!

I can clap my hands like this!
I can clap my hands like this!
I can clap my hands like this!
Clap clap clap my hands

I can dance my legs like this!
I can dance my legs like this!
I can dance my legs like this!
Dance dance dance my legs!

[If your child comes up with different talents that he or she can do, incorporate them into the song! I.e. I can whistle just like this, I can whistle just like this, I can whistle just like this “whistle whistle whistle”]
SAMPLE STORYTIME

This is a sample of how you could organize the books, songs, & rhymes, but please do what feels right for you and your little one!

Starting Song: Wake and Wiggle!

Rhyme/Song: ABC’s

Rhyme/Song: A is for Alligator

Book One: The Girl who Never Makes Mistakes by Gary Rubinstein

Rhyme/Song: I Have Talent, Yes I Do

Book Two: The Talent Show by Jo Hodgkinson

Rhyme/Song: Clap Your Hands, Touch Your Toes

Book Three: The Scrambled States of America Talent show by Laurie Keller

Final Rhyme/Song: Sing and Dance to one of your favorite songs!

After Storytime Activity/Game: Think of a talent you might have! It could be singing, dancing, jump roping, drawing and many many more. A talent can be anything you feel you are good at doing. Put on a talent show with your family to show off your amazing talent!