



Camping

STORYTIME THOUGHTS

In this storytime, imagine you are getting ready to go on a camping adventure. What are you curious about exploring in the wilderness? Take your storytime outside if possible. You can explore your own backyard or go to a nature center or park. Bring along some of the books suggested below or download books onto your device. Use this list of links and songs as you sit down in a shady spot and pretend that you are sitting around a campfire. Try making up your own story and songs too! Bring a tent outside and set it up and have a backyard camp out. Staying inside? Make a tent with some blankets and let your kids' imaginations run wild!

EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS

CloudLibrary

- Charlie and Mouse Outdoors by Laurel Snyder
- Surviving The Great Outdoors by Leonard Brendan
- Cool Maps and Geocaching: Great Things to Do In the Great Outdoors by Katherine Hengel

PRINT BOOKS FOUND AT THE LIBRARY

- Maisy Goes Camping by Lucy Cousins
- Camp Rex by Molly Schaar Idle
- Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping by Melanie Watt
- Into the Outdoors by Susan Gal
- Kids Guide To Camping All You Need to Know About Having Fun in the Great Outdoors by Cherie Winner

SONGS & RHYMES

- Campfire hokey pokey
- Popcorn Kernels song
- Five Little Kernels

ACTIVITIES & GAMES

- Campfire storytelling: make up your own stories and share around the campfire
- Skits: make up some funny skits or tell jokes
- Campfire games

SONGS & RHYMES LYRICS

Campfire Hokey Pokey

You put your marshmallow in,
you take your marshmallow out
You put your marshmallow in and
you shake it all about
You do the campfire pokey and
you turn yourself about,
That's what it's all about!

[Other verses include hotdog, potato, popcorn, etc.]

Five Little Kernels

Five little kernels sizzling in the pot
All of a sudden, one went POP!
[Countdown to 0]

We're Going on a Bear Hun

We're going on a bear hunt
[We're going on a bear hunt]
Gonna catch a big one
[Gonna catch a big one]

I'm not scared
[I'm not scared]
What a beautiful day!
[What a beautiful day!]
Oh look! It's some long, wavy grass!

Can't go under it
[Can't go under it]
Can't go over it
[Can't go over it]
Can't go around it
[Can't go around it]
Gotta go through it
[Gotta go through it!]

[Add variations with Trees, River, Storm, Cave, etc.
until you meet a bear; then run back!]

Popcorn Kernels

[sung to the tune of tune of "Frere Jacques"]

Popcorn kernels, popcorn kernels
In the pot, in the pot
Shake 'em, shake 'em, shake 'em,
Shake 'em, shake 'em, shake 'em,
Till they pop!! Till they pop!!

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: ABC song [*hop out ABC's*]

Book One: Scaredy Squirrel Goes Camping by Melanie Watt

Rhyme/Song: Five Little Kernels

Rhyme/Song: Popcorn Kernels

Book Two: Into the Outdoors by Susan Gal

Rhyme/Song: Campfire Hokey Pokey

Activity: Going on A Bear Hunt

Book Three: Kids Guide To Camping or Surviving the Great Outdoors by Cherie Winner [*select a book that you can look at to prepare to explore the wilderness or go camping*]

Final Rhyme/Song: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

After Storytime Activity/Game: Campfire games, songs or skits, or explore the outdoors