

“THE TWELVE DAYS OF STORY TIME”

to the tune of “The Twelve Days of Christmas”

Let the kids know that “teller” is short for “storyteller.”

The logo for ROB TEID features the name in a stylized, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are arranged in two lines: 'ROB' on top and 'TEID' below it. A thick red L-shaped line frames the top and right sides of the text.

On the first day of Story Time,
The 'teller shared with me
A book about a curious monkey.

On the second day of Story Time,
The 'teller shared with me
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

On the third day of Story Time,
The 'teller shared with me
Three fingerplays,
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

On the fourth day of Story Time,
The 'teller shared with me
Four funny poems,
Three fingerplays,
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

On the fifth day of Story Time,
The 'teller shared with me
Five animal noises,

Invite the audience members to make animal noises every time you reach this part of the verse.

Four funny poems,
Three fingerplays,
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

On the sixth day of Story Time,
The 'teller shared with me
Six arts and crafts,
Five animal noises,
Four funny poems,
Three fingerplays,
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

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ROB
TEID

On the seventh day of Story Time,
The ‘teller shared with me
Seven pop-up books,
Six arts and crafts,
Five animal noises,
Four funny poems,
Three fingerplays,
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

On the eighth day of Story Time,
The ‘teller shared with me
Eight sing-along songs,
Seven pop-up books,
Six arts and crafts,
Five animal noises,
Four funny poems,
Three fingerplays,
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

On the ninth day of Story Time,
The ‘teller shared with me
Nine nursery rhymes,
Eight sing-along songs,
Seven pop-up books,
Six arts and crafts,
Five animal noises,
Four funny poems,
Three fingerplays,
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

On the tenth day of Story Time,
The ‘teller shared with me
Ten Hokey-Pokey’s
Nine nursery rhymes,
Eight sing-along songs,
Seven pop-up books,
Six arts and crafts,
Five animal noises,
Four funny poems,
Three fingerplays,
Two Dr. Seuss,
And a book about a curious monkey.

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On the eleventh day of Story Time,
 The ‘teller shared with me
 Eleven puppet shows,
 Ten Hokey-Pokey’s
 Nine nursery rhymes,
 Eight sing-along songs,
 Seven pop-up books,
 Six arts and crafts,
 Five animal noises,
 Four funny poems,
 Three fingerplays,
 Two Dr. Seuss,
 And a book about a curious monkey.

On the twelfth day of Story Time,
 The ‘teller shared with me,
 Twelve yummy treats,
 Eleven puppet shows,
 Ten Hokey-Pokey’s
 Nine nursery rhymes,
 Eight sing-along songs,
 Seven pop-up books,
 Six arts and crafts,
 Five animal noises,
 Four funny poems,
 Three fingerplays,
 Two Dr. Seuss,
 And a book about a curious monkey.

Added Ideas for “The Twelve Days of Story Time”

If you’re very adventurous, you can add “over-the-top” movements and sound effects for each line in the song. I found these additions work best with upper-elementary kids.

1. A book about a curious monkeyScratch head and armpits and go “Ooo ooo”
2. Two Dr. SeussYell out “Green Eggs and Ham”
3. Three fingerplaysHold hands up in the air and move fingers around
4. Four funny poems.....Laugh aloud
5. Five animal noises.....Continue to add animal noises
6. Six arts and craftsMime using scissors, drawing, gluing, etc.
7. Seven pop-up booksJump
8. Eight sing-along songsHold out arms and go “La-la-la”
9. Nine nursery rhymes.....Make hand motions for “The Itsy-Bitsy Spider” climbing
10. Ten Hokey-Pokeys.....Put one arm “in” and put one arm “out”
11. Eleven puppet showsJerk arms as if attached to strings like a marionette
12. Twelve yummy treats.....Rub tummy