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SESAME STREET

Talking is Teaching™

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Join other parents and babies as they fill their day with talking, reading, and singing! Photos of other babies often spark

children's interest, and the personal connections you make on each page of this book will help your child relate to her own everyday experiences.

This book belongs to: _____

It's morning, baby!
Today's for you and me.
I look into your eyes.
I wonder what you see.





It's breakfast time, baby!
Yum, yum, yummy.
You hold your spoon, and
put food in your tummy.



It's storytime, baby!
After your nap.
Turn the pages.
Sit in my lap.





It's playtime, baby!
Feel the breeze.
Hold my hands.
Give them a squeeze.

It's bathtime, baby!
Rub-a-dub.
Let's wash your belly.
Nice warm suds!





It's nighttime, baby!
Snuggle close.
It's together time
that we love most.



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Page by Page: As you read each page, make it your own by saying more about each photo.



Play with rhyme and rhythm. Look into your child's eyes and chant: "You see me, I see you! Love you, love you, yes I do!"



Point to the baby and then to the book, and say something like "It looks like this baby loves reading her book. I know you love your [child's favorite book]."



Point to your baby's belly, then your own. "Where's your belly? Here it is! Where are your elbows? Here they are!"



Your baby cries and you respond with food — it's the beginning of conversation! "You're hungry, have some more!"





Blow gently on your baby's face to simulate a breeze when you get to the word "breeze"! Then say something like, "Can you give my hand a squeeze? Thank you!"




Reading the same book again and again builds your child's awareness of how to read a book and also his memory skills.

Storytime Strategies for Any Book: Settling into a book—any book—together can be one of the coziest, most comforting experiences you and your child share. Books give you the opportunity to talk, read, and sing with your baby!

 Help your child get excited about a book by talking about the cover together. ("Who's that? It's Elmo!")

 Talk about the pictures; enjoy reading the words together. You'll be building a love of books!

 Lots of books include rhyme, rhythm, and even song. Clap along together!

