

discovery time

Grandparents

Parents and caregivers, extend Discovery Time into your home. Share these fingerplays and activities with young children. **The letter for this theme is G.**

Grandma's Glasses

Here are Grandma's glasses.

(Make little circles with fingers over eyes)

Here is Grandma's hat.

(Circle head and pretend to tie a ribbon underneath chin)

This is the way she folds her hands

And puts them in her lap.

(Fold hands on lap)

Here are Grandpa's glasses.

(Make big circles around eyes with fingers)

Here is Grandpa's hat.

(Make a big hat overhead with hands and arms)

This is the way he folds his arms

And sits like that.

(Fold arms and lean back in chair)

Clap for Grandparents

(Tune: "Did You Ever See a Lassie")

Let's clap our hands for Grandma,

For Grandma, for Grandma.

Let's clap our hands for Grandma,

Let's clap them this way.

Clap this way and that way,

Clap this way and that way.

Let's clap our hands for Grandma,

Let's clap them this way.

Additional verse:

Let's clap our hands for Grandpa...

I Love Grandpa

(Tune: "Frère Jacques")

I love Grandpa, I love Grandpa,

Yes I do; yes I do.

And my Grandpa loves me,

Yes, my Grandpa loves me.

Loves me too, loves me true.

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Best Friends

My grandparents are my best friends.

When we're together, we like to pretend.

We might be dancers.

(Twirling around)

We might be clowns.

(Fingers point to smile)

We might wear capes.

(Putting arms forward into air as if flying)

We might wear crowns.

(Circling hands over head)

We might dig holes.

(Digging with shovel)

We might hug trees.

(Hug self)

We might sing songs.

(Arms outstretched)

We might eat peas.

(Using spoon)

When we're together, we like to pretend.

That's why my grandparents are my best friends.



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Help your child get ready to read with these simple activities.

- **Talking:** Children learn language and other early literacy skills by listening to their caregivers speak. As children hear spoken language, they learn new words and their meanings.
- **Singing:** Singing nursery rhymes and clapping to the beat will help your child hear that words are made-up of small sounds.
- **Reading:** Have children participate while reading books. Ask them to join in saying a repeated phrase.
- **Writing:** When creating a shopping list or a to-do list, have your child help. He can draw pictures or copy your words.
- **Playing:** When children make up stories using puppets or stuffed animals, they develop narrative skills. They start to understand that stories have a beginning, middle, and end.

family literacy tip

Why Read?

What is in it for the child? Children need proof that reading is a worthwhile activity before they'll join in. Luckily, literacy is an easy sell. Just snuggle up with a good book and release the wondrous ideas so magically held in print for a child. After all, the goal of reading is not to sound out words but to unlock meaning... Reading aloud is one of the best ways to connect kids to the rich rewards of reading.

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