

# discovery time

## Gorgeous G

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

### I Know a Giraffe

I know a giraffe with a neck way up high.  
*(Point to your neck)*  
She stretches and stretches,  
*(Crouch down and slowly grow with arms raised)*  
Until she touches the sky.  
*(Reach up high)*  
She runs on the plains,  
*(Run in place)*  
With the elephants too.  
You might see her when you go to the zoo.

### Grandma's Glasses

These are Grandma's glasses.  
*(Make glasses with fingers over eyes)*  
Here is Grandma's cap.  
*(Make triangle with hands and put on head)*  
This is the way she folds her hands.  
*(Fold hands together)*  
And puts them in her lap.  
*(Put hands in lap)*

### A Groovy Green Grape

*(Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It")*  
Oh, I wish I was a groovy, green grape.  
Oh, I wish I was a groovy, green grape.  
Oh, I think it would be fine,  
To grow upon a vine.  
Oh, I wish I was a groovy, green grape.

### The Gumball Man

*(Tune: "The Muffin Man")*  
Do you know the gumball man,  
The gumball man, the gumball man?  
Do you know the gumball man  
Who likes to sing with me?

Oh, he loves the letter G,  
The letter G, the letter G.  
Oh, he loves the letter G,  
And likes to sing with me.

*Alternate verses:*

. . .Gingerbread man.  
. . .Grocery man.

### Darling Little Goldfish

My darling little goldfish  
*(Put hands together, hold vertical and wiggle)*  
Hasn't any toes.  
*(Point to your toes)*  
He swims around without a sound,  
*(Pretend to swim)*  
And bumps his angry nose.  
*(Point to nose)*  
He can't get out to play with me,  
*(Point to yourself)*  
Nor I get in to him.  
*(Point to child)*  
Although I say, "Come out and play,"  
*(Motion finger for him to come)*  
He says, "Come in and swim."  
*(Pretend to swim)*



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

- **Talking:** As you go through the day, emphasize the words you say that start with the letter G or have a G in it. Discuss with your child the different sounds G makes in the words you say.
- **Singing:** Play with words and sounds as you make up songs featuring the letter G. Have your child tell you a word that starts with G, then make up a song with that word and sing it together.
- **Reading:** Read many stories and informational books to your child. Help him develop a love for reading as you explore books themed around the letter G.
- **Writing:** Use magnetic letters to spell out simple words on the refrigerator. Have your child try to spell her name and other words she knows.
- **Playing:** Act out going to the zoo with your child. This zoo is unique because all of the animals start with the letter G. To make the zoo more realistic, put up pictures of animals like the gecko, giraffe, or Gila monster on the walls of your house and explore the zoo together.

## family literacy tip

### Language and Literacy

Singing the alphabet song helps children learn the names of letters. Singing the names of the letters to a different tune breaks the letters down in different ways and helps them hear the letter names more clearly.

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