

Storytime Suggestions for *Goodnight Sweet Pig*

Goodnight Sweet Pig is recommended for ages 2–5.

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative and fun by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character.

You might include the following props:

- teddy bear
- bedtime blanket
- pillow
- slippers, nightcap, robe
- toy drum
- castanets
- feather duster or broom

Activity Materials

After reading the story, your group can use these materials to have fun exploring concepts that have been introduced in *Goodnight, Sweet Pig*.

You will need the following materials:

- crayons
- markers
- pens
- coloring pencils
- chart paper
- photocopies of the reverse activity page
- construction paper

Before Storytime

Ask your group if anyone has some tricks he or she uses to fall asleep, for example, warm milk, counting sheep, etc. Has anyone had something keep him or her awake at night? What was it?

In preparation for the counting involved in the story, use fingers as “piggies” to count to ten and back.

After Storytime

Keep the fun going by asking your group to participate in some of the following activities:

1. Talk about all the words that rhyme in the book and ask the children in your group to think of words that rhyme with each number from one to ten. Use chart paper to make a list of rhyming words.
2. Hand out pieces of construction paper and ask your group to draw some people (or animals) that might keep a person awake at night.
3. Hand out photocopies of the reverse activity page and have the children connect the activities to the character. For example, a basketball would connect to ball-playing pig number 10.



Connect the Activities to the Character

These pigs have lost the things that they brought to the party! Can you help them by drawing a line from the item to the pig who brought it?

