Story Time Tips

Story Time is a pretty big deal at Great Wolf Lodge. We've been sharing a story with our guests every night for many years, and as a result, we've gotten pretty good at telling them. Now we're excited to share some of our expert advice with you, so you can take your family's Story Time to the next level.



SELECT YOUR BOOK

• Talk to your little ones and see what sparks their interest. Do they have a favorite series they want to continue with? Have their friends been talking about a certain story they want to experience?

SET THE MOOD

- Find some props that help you set a scene related to the story.
- Add some drama with a musical undertone. It's a great way to engage the senses and secure an emotional connection to the characters.
- · Lower the lights to eliminate surround distractions and keep your kids focused.

MAKE AN ENTRANCE

• Grab your kids' attention by appearing out of your everyday clothes and in something a bit more imaginative. Add some fun costume pieces that embellish the story or define you as a storyteller.

ENGAGE YOUR AUDIENCE

- Create a craft to be used in the story.
- Identify places in the story to make sound effects, and decide as a family what kind of sound effects you want to add. Assign a certain sound effect to everyone.
- Ask your kids questions through the story, and they'll be more likely to pay attention.

MAKE IT A NIGHTLY TRADITION

 Introduce your kids to good reading habits. Picking up a book is a great way for them to enhance their imagination, improve their vocabulary and learn to like spending time away from the screen.