

# 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.



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## 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?

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.