



A storytelling activity is made special by turning it into a pajama party.

### Supplies

- ★ Large comfy pillows
- ★ Comforters
- ★ Blankets
- ★ Books
- ★ Favorite stuffed animals

# Storytelling Pajama Party

Skills Learned: Language / Literacy Skills, Creativity / Play

### Directions

#### Preparation:

- 1 Make and distribute an invitation announcing the date and time of the “pajama day” and informing parents that children should wear their pajamas and bring a favorite book to share. Children can also bring a favorite stuffed animal. (Children can decorate their invitations!)
- 2 On pajama day, set up the bedtime story area with pillows, blankets, and comforters. Make the area inviting for children. Don’t forget to change into your own pair of pajamas!

#### The Activity:

- 1 Set the tone by dimming the lights.
- 2 Gather the children; help them get cozy and comfortable with their stuffed animals, blankets and pillows.
- 3 Begin by telling or reading a story to all of the children.
- 4 Continue on by encouraging the older children to tell a bedtime story to the younger children. (Stories can be from books or ones they have remembered. Remind older children that stories should not be scary.)
- 5 Finally, encourage the younger children to share a story. It can be from a book or one they make up as they go along. The goal for the younger children is just to be able to tell a story, no matter how short it may be.

**Tips For Mixed Ages:** All ages will enjoy hearing stories in this playful setting. Infants held by caregivers can be included in this activity. Toddlers to 3’s will begin to associate words with pictures. 4’s- 5’s can “read” from simple picture books.

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