

Book Ideas for your Growing Child

Birth

- Cloth or plastic books — hang some over the cot
- Big pictures with few colours
- Simple or no words

6 Months

- Board books
- Plastic books for bath time
- Books with things baby can touch or feel
- Pictures of known objects and faces

12 Months

- Board or soft cover books
- Simple sentences
- Pictures and photos of the wider world
- Bright colours

18 Months

- Books with repetition and prediction
- Lift-a-flap books
- Daily routines and sequences
- Rhymes and songs
- Finger plays and actions

3 Years

- At least 1–2 sentences per page
- More involved story line
- Variety of pictures
- Various story types
- Rhymes and action songs

4 Years

- More complex stories
- At least 4–5 sentences on a page
- Stories that encourage deeper thinking
- Ask “where”, “what”, “how” and “why” questions
- More rhymes and action songs