Reading With Babies

Talk about what you see on the pages. Narrate and point to what you are looking at in the book.

Repeat the babies sounds. When the baby you are reading with makes a sound, make the same sound back. Have a conversation with the baby in their own language.

Ask questions and answer them yourself. Ask questions about things you notice on the pages and then answer them yourself. This will help the baby once they’re ready to start answering themselves.

Tune in to what the baby is paying attention to. Notice what on the page draws the attention of the baby. Then, talk with the baby about what they are paying attention to.

Make sounds related to the pictures. Is there an animal sound you can make? A sound related to the weather? Try making sounds as you read the story.

Choose books with few words and bright colors. Babies love looking at books with bright and interesting illustrations.