

Rhymes Round the World

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New words and sounds your child might learn:

world, blossom, piñata, ghoulies.

Before:

- Look through the book and talk about the pictures. Explain to your child that some of these rhymes are from places far away.

During:

- As you read the rhymes and songs try to use a rhythmic manner. Rhyming and rhythm are some of the first steps in becoming a reader.
- Talk about the pictures and the cultures they are from. Discuss how the children are dressed; similarities and differences to your child's clothing.
- You will not be able to read all the rhymes in one sitting. Let your child choose the pages he wants read. During each reading share a different rhyme and his favorite.

After:

- Try some of the activities in the book with your child: playing with a spinning top, making shadow art, etc.

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play, too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.

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