



Goodnight Moon

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"Goodnight Moon" is one of the great bedtime stories of early childhood, a "great green room" where a baby rabbit lies in bed, surrounded by familiar things -- pictures on the wall, tables and dressers, "a comb and a brush and a bowl full of mush...And a quiet old lady who was whispering hush."

Goodnight Moon is a favorite book of many toddlers and preschoolers. Children love the rhythmic text and the story of getting ready for bed.

Activity: Guessing Game

After reading the *Goodnight Moon* together, have your child or children collect all their favorite nighttime objects (ex: blankets, stuff toys, other books) Explain to your child that it should be an item that they have to say goodnight to every night. Use the items to play the **Guessing Game**. Allow your child to hide their item somewhere in your home or at the library if this activity takes place there. Allow the hider to give a couple of clues before starting, such as color, size, or shape. You can even play **Hot and Cold** with your child, letting them know if they are near or far from the hidden object.

With very young children simply cover various objects with a blanket and have them repeat after you the name of each object as you uncover them one at a time.

Multiple shared readings of a childhood favorite allows your toddler to memorize and recite the text without your help.

Label Bedtime Objects: Labeling your child's room and these favorite nighttime objects is a great way to reinforce the concept of print. You can label his bed, dresser, toy-box, etc. The more children see print, the more aware and curious they will become about words, language and READING.