Night-Night Forest Friends  
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Children need to hear and say lots of words before entering Kindergarten.

Helping your child develop a routine in their daily schedule will help with their narrative skills and vocabulary.

C.A.R. is simple conversation/story starter you can use with your child to help them tell the story.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with your Imagination Library book, “Night-Night, Forest Friends”

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<th>C- Comment and Wait (count to 5)</th>
<th>Adult: It looks like Papa Rabbit is tucking in his babies, just like I tuck you in at night.</th>
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<td>* Make a comment about with you see on the page.</td>
<td>Child: Points to Papa Rabbit giving a kiss to the baby rabbits.</td>
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<th>A- Ask questions and Wait (count to 5)</th>
<th>Adult: What do you think Papa Rabbit is doing in this picture?</th>
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<td>* Ask questions that do not have a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ or one word answer to them.</td>
<td>Child: Tucking in the baby rabbits.</td>
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<th>R- Respond by adding a little more to the child’s response.</th>
<th>Adult: Yes! Good job! Papa rabbit is tucking them in just like I tuck you in with a blanket before bedtime.</th>
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C.A.R. is taken from the Language is the Key Curriculum written by Washington Learning Systems.
### Related Activities to Encourage Early Literacy Skills

- Share a board book with your baby. By around 10 months, babies who are read to can turn the pages of a book in the correct direction.
- When your baby is babbling, respond as if they are having a conversation with you. They are learning that conversations go two ways.
- Read board books with simple pictures and little text so that your child can focus on a particular page.
- Allow your baby to put books in his/her mouth. This is how they explore and learn about books.

### Reading Tips

- **Night-Night, Forest Friends** has fantastic rhyming words. As you read the story with your child, act out some of the text of the story. For example, tuck them in with a blanket, pretend to rock them to sleep. Yawn, snore, stretch and pretend to sleep.
- **Read the book with emotion.** Start out this story time in a regular tone, and then finish the book in a whisper to show your child the emotions that are being expressed in the book.
- **Talk about your own bedtime routine with your baby and relate this to the forest friends.**

### Related Books you can check out at your local library

- **Little Owl’s Night**
  By: Divya Srinivasan

- **Who’s in the Forest?**
  By: Phyllis Gershator

- **Good Night, I Love You**
  By: Caroline Jayne Church

- **Llama, Llama Nighty-Night**
  By: Anna Dewdney

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### Song: Hush Little Baby

Hush, little baby, don't say a word.
Papa's gonna buy you a mockingbird

And if that mockingbird won't sing,
Papa's gonna buy you a diamond ring

And if that diamond ring turns brass,
Papa's gonna buy you a looking glass

And if that looking glass gets broke,
Papa's gonna buy you a billy goat

And if that billy goat won't pull,
Papa's gonna buy you a cart and bull

And if that cart and bull turn over,
Papa's gonna buy you a dog named Rover

And if that dog named Rover won't bark
Papa's gonna buy you a horse and cart

And if that horse and cart fall down,
You'll still be the sweetest little baby in town.