

# Involve your whole family in storytelling



In addition to reading with your child, have fun telling your own stories. There are many ways to involve everyone in your family in storytelling. You can:

- **Use photos for inspiration.** Choose a family photo that shows something or someone special. Have one person start telling a made-up story about the photo. Take turns adding details to the story.
- **Tell stories about people your child knows.** The more your child knows about the people in your story, the more she'll want to hear. Be sure to make your child the main character!
- **Use everyday objects.** Put some small items in a bag. Use anything you have—a button, a feather, a penny, etc. Have your child pull out two items



to use in your story. Begin the story using the items to inspire the details.

For example, if she picks a feather and a penny, you might start like this: “This story is about a little bird who went to the store.” Then ask your child what color the bird was, what store she went to, etc. Challenge everyone in the family to come up with the funniest, spookiest or most suspenseful story they can!