**10 Times to Share Books and Stories During a Busy Day**

1. **At Meal Times**- Sing or read a story during a moment of quiet nursing or to gather the kids around the noisy breakfast table.

2. **In the Car or On the Bus** - Keep a few books in the car or in your diaper bag to keep your little ones quiet and busy.

3. **At Child Care Drop off**- Calm a crying child at good bye time with a favorite story or lullaby.

4. **At the Doctor's Office**- Read or tell a soothing story to your little one in the waiting room and sing or talk through the scary parts of the visit.

5. **At the Grocery Store**- Put a few board books in the shopping cart or tie a cloth book to the shopping cart so you're not cleaning up books from the floor as you go!

6. **At Nap Time**- Familiar routines always help babies calm and sleep. Use books and stories to quietly ease your baby to sleep.

7. **At Day's End**- You are exhausted, the baby is fussy. Lie down on the floor or under a tree surrounded by books. Play a book on tape for your baby. Keep your little one busy and try to have some quiet time.

8. **At Bath Time**- Plastic bath time books are great fun and may help a fussy baby enjoy the tub a little more.

9. **At Bed Time**- Books and stories are quiet bed time routines that can work magic with babies who fight sleep!

10. **At Your Time**- Find some time in your day to put your feet up, thumb through a magazine or get lost in a story for you.

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