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## Stories

What Will Fat Cat Sit On? by Jan Thomas

> **Cookie's Week** by Cindy Ward

If You Give a Cat a Cupcake by Luara Numeroff

Kitten's First Full Moon by Kevin Henkes

> **Pretty Kitty** by Karen Beaumont

This Is Not a Cat! by David LaRochelle





## Activities

## **Kitty Cat POUNCE!**

Kitty cat, kitty cat, sneaks out of the house. (pretend to sneak) Kitty cat, kitty cat, creeps up to a mouse, (pretend to be a mouse) And ... POUNCE! (jump or clap) Kitty cat, kitty cat, creeps up to a bird. (pretend to be a bird) Kitty cat, kitty cat, is not even heard, (make "sshh!" motion) And ... POUNCE! (jump or clap) But the mouse ran, and the bird flew away, (mime running, fly bird away) So kitty cat found a ball of yarn to play, (make ball shape with hands) And ... POUNCE! (jump or clap)

## **Early Literacy Tip**

Nursery rhymes are fun to sing and say, and because they rhyme, they also help children develop phonological awareness. Phonological awareness means hearing the sounds in words. Researchers also count this as the ability to play with parts of a word such as lengthening it, shortening it, or chopping it into syllables. This is an important skill for reading.



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