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## Storytime

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## Stories

### Not a Box

by Antoinette Portis

### Thank You Bear

by Greg Foley

### What to Do With a Box

by Jane Yolen

### There Are Cats in This Book

by Vivian Schwarz



## What's Inside the Box?



## Activities

### Little Turtle

I had a little turtle (*make a fist, wiggle thumb*)  
Who lived in a box (*draw a square in the air*)  
He swam in the puddles (*pretend to swim*)  
And climbed on the rocks (*pretend to climb*)  
He snapped at a mosquito  
(*make snapping motion*)  
He snapped at a flea (*snapping motion*)  
He snapped at a minnow (*snapping motion*)  
And he snapped at me! (*snapping motion*)  
He caught the mosquito (*clap hands*)  
He caught the flea (*clap hands*)  
He caught the minnow (*clap hands*)  
But he didn't catch me! (*shake head "no"*)

### Jack in the Box

Jack in the box (*crouch down*)  
Sitting so still  
Won't you come out?  
Yes I will! (*jump up*)

## Early Literacy Tip



Boxes are one of the cheapest and best ways to let your children use their imagination and develop their gross motor skills. Provide your kids with simple props like boxes and household items, and they'll be able to make entire dramatic scenes with inspired creativity!



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