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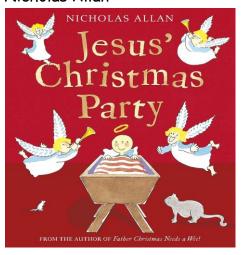
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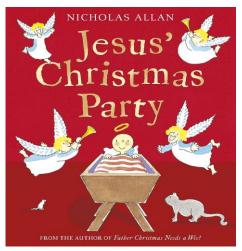
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How to get the most out of reading to young children:

- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. What might they tell us about the story before we read the words?
- Ask questions and talk about the book. What do they think will happen next? Why did a character act in a certain way? How are they feeling?
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

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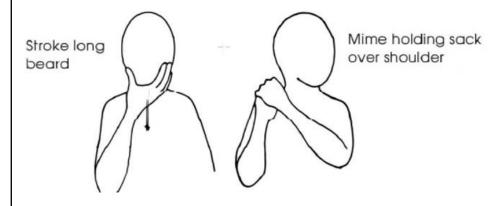
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- Be expressive! How can we expect children to be engaged in a story if the adult reading it isn't?
- Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Use props and toys to act out the story, either whilst you are reading it, or together afterwards

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Santa



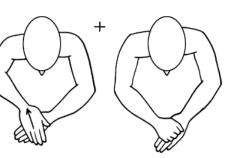
Two part sign:

Cup hand under chin and pull down bringing finger tips together to make a long beard

Mime throwing a sack over your shoulder with both hands together

Christmas

Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body, then close right hand and place on back of left hand



Our Right of the fortnight is:



Over the next two weeks, we will be exploring children's right to freedom of thought, belief and religion. The children will be learning more about their rights through exploring different cultures and celebrations. The children will be looking at the celebration of Christmas, discussing similarities and differences to other religious beliefs and celebrations.

Article 14

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow.

(Always remember to say the word as you sign)