

## THE TALE OF PETER RABBIT

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.



- » **Before Reading**: Take a picture walk through the book and discuss what your child thinks the book will be about. Try to make connections to your child's experience by asking "Have you ever seen a rabbit?" or "Do we have a garden?".
- » During Reading: Discuss and explain new words. Make sounds as you read: "scr-r-ritch," sneezing. Stop occasionally to ask your child what might happen next or how Peter might be feeling.
- » After Reading: Discuss why it's important to listen and follow directions. Discuss the types of things that you can grow in your garden.
- » **Experiment**: Discover the best environment for seeds to grow. Fill three plastic cups with soil, pebbles, and sand. Add a seed to each cup and care for them each the same way. Have your child make observations about how the seeds are growing in each cup. Encourage them to write or draw their observations.
- » **Grow a Vegetable**: You don't have to plant an entire garden for your child to experience growing something. Start small and help your child plant seeds in a small pot or plastic cup. Guide your child in caring for the seeds and watch it grow!
- » Learn About Rabbits: Visit the library and find books about rabbits and/or do online research with your child about rabbits.







