

Supplemental Rhymes, Reading Suggestions, and Activities



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3-5

Kitten Tales - Storytime Rhymes

Where's the Kitten? Week 1

My kitten was hiding under a chair
I looked and looked for her everywhere!
I looked under the table
And under the bed
I looked in the corner, and then I said
Here kitty, Here kitty,
I have tasty milk for you!
The kitten came running, quick as she could,
Calling "Mew, mew, mew mew."

Carrie had a Little Cat Week 1

Carrie had a little cat, little cat, little cat,
Carrie had a little cat, Its fur was white as snow.
Everywhere that C went the cat was sure to go.
It followed her to school one day. Oh, yes, the cat
knew how
It made the children laugh and play...to hear the
cat meow

One Cat Week 2

One cat napping in the sun.
Two cats playing pounce and run.
Three cats eating from a dish.
Four cats fishing for some fish.
Five cats prancing on a fence,
Six cats peeking under paper tents.
Seven cats blinking crossed blue eyes,
Eight cats chasing butterflies,
Nine cats cuddled tail to head,
Ten cats bouncing on my bed.

Cool Cat song credit:Jbrary Week 2

Hey there _____ you're a real cool cat
You got a lot of this and you got a lot of that
So come on in and get down (ch ch ch ch ch ch)
To the left (ch ch ch ch ch ch)
To the right (ch ch ch ch ch ch)
Up in the air (ch ch ch ch ch ch)
And get down (ch ch ch ch ch ch)

Little Kitten Week 3

I have a little kitten, With soft and shiny fur.
And when I pet my kitten,
She goes purr, purr, purr, purr.
Oh Kitten, kitten, kitten, With soft and shiny fur.
I love to pet my kitten,
And hear her purr, purr, purr.

Kitten's Blue Mitten Week 3

My poor little kitten lost her mitten
And started to cry, Boo-hoo. --
So I helped my kitten to look for her mitten.
Her beautiful mitten of **BLUE**. --
I found a mitten just right for a kitten
Under my mother's bed.
But, alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored **RED**. --
I found a mitten just right for a kitten
Under my father's pillow.
But, alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored **YELLOW**.
I found a mitten just right for a kitten
On the hand of my brother's toy clown.
But, alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored **BROWN**.
I found a mitten just right for a kitten
Under the laundry so clean.
But, alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored **GREEN**.
I found a mitten just right for a kitten
Inside a grocery sack.
But, alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored **BLACK**.
I found a mitten just right for a kitten
Under the kitchen sink.
But, alas, the mitten was not the right mitten,
For it was colored **PINK**.
I found a mitten just right for a kitten
Inside my favorite shoe.
And this time the mitten was just the right mitten,
For it was colored **BLUE!**

The Three Little Kittens Week 4

The three little kittens They lost their mittens,
And they began to cry,
Oh, mother dear, We sadly fear
Our mittens we have lost.
What! Lost your mittens, You naughty kittens!
Then you shall have no pie.
Mee-ow, mee-ow, We shall have no pie.

The three little kittens found their mittens,
And they began to cry,
Oh, mother dear see here, see here,
Our mittens we have found.
What! Found your mittens, You darling kittens!
Then you shall have some pie.
Mee-ow, mee-ow, We shall have some pie.

The three little kittens, Put on their mittens,
And soon ate up the pie;
Oh, mother dear, We greatly fear
Our mittens we have soiled.
What! Soiled mittens, You naughty kittens!
Then they began to sigh,
Mee-ow, mee-ow, And they began to sigh.

The three little kittens, washed their mittens,
And hung them out to dry;
Oh mother dear, Look here, look here,
Our mittens we have washed.
What! Washed your mittens, such good kittens.
But I smell a rat close by!
Hush! Hush! Hush! Hush! I smell a rat close by

Five Little Kittens, version 1 - Week 5

Five little kittens (hand in a fist)
Orange and white
Sleeping very soundly
All through the night
Meow (x5) (raise each finger individually)
Its time to get up now.

Soft Kitty Week 5

Soft kitty, warm kitty
Little ball of fur
Happy kitty, sleepy kitty
Purr, purr, purr.

Cat Chant Week 6

Big cats (hand up)
Little cats (fingers together)
Fat cats (arms round)
Skinny cats (arms straight)
White cats (hold up white)
Black cats (turn it over, black)
Brave cats (puff out chest)
Fraidy cats (look scared)
Stripey cats (draw line w fingers)
Fluffy cats (fingers)
All go to sleep.

Song -- K-I-T-T-Y Week 6

There was a family had a cat
And Kitty was her name-O
KITTY, KITTY, KITTY and Kitty was her name-O

Five Little Kittens, version 2 Week 7

Five little kittens standing in a row
(hold up 5 fingers)
They nod their heads to the children so
(bend fingers)
They run to the left, they run to the right
(run fingers to the left and right)
They stand up and stretch in the bright sunlight
(stretch fingers out tall)
Along comes a dog who's in for some fun
(hold up one finger from opposite hand)
MEOW! See those little kittens run
(fingers run)



The Cat of Many Colors Week 7

Once there was a cat all white
Who wished that he were black as night.
He was as thirsty as could be,
And in the cupboard, what did he see?

Grape juice right before his eyes!
He drank it. Then, to his surprise,
He turned from white to something new:
Deep dark purple was his hue.

He peered into his little cup,
Saw tomato juice, and lapped it up.
He soon became the brightest red.
He thought, "Maybe I should go to bed;"

But he wasn't tired, and so
He looked for somewhere else to go.
He spied an orange on the floor,
And pounced in it, and played some more.
As he played this little game,
Orange was what he became.

He played with some blueberries, too,
So suddenly the cat turned blue.

A sour lime sat on the ground.
The kitty licked it, and he found
That he felt strange and not so keen,
For he had turned the color green.

Now he was a sorry fellow,
He ate a banana and turned bright yellow.

Just then he saw a tasty treat,
Another food he had to eat.
A long black piece of licorice
Gave the little cat his wish.
He ate it all, and soon he was (wahz)
Black from his head down to his paws!

Why did this happen? You guessed right,
If you blamed it all on Halloween night.

Kitten Tales

Join Ms. Fiona each week for a new virtual program series called "Kitten Tales." This seven-week series of programs featuring a family of seven tiny kittens. Let's watch them grow up together! Visit the library website, Facebook page, or Instagram for a link to the programs.

Recommended Picture Books

"I Don't Want a Cool Cat," by Emma Dodd. 2010. A girl searches for the perfect pet.

"Kitten's Autumn," by Eugenie Fernandes. 2012. Explore the seasons with Kitten.

"Stack the Cats," by Susie Ghahremani, 2017. Silly story about counting and balance.

"Kitten's First Full Moon," by Kevin Henkes. 2004. A kitten mistakes the moon for a bowl of milk and tries to get a snack. Winner of the 2005 Caldecott Medal for illustrations.

"The Three Little Kittens (and one mouse!)," by Barbara McClintock. 2020. Familiar story, with a twist.

"Lola Gets a Cat," by Anna McQuinn. 2017. The "Lola" series features a helpful, good-natured girl and her life.

"They All Saw a Cat," by Brendan Wenzel. 2016. What does everyone see as the cat walks along? Winner of the 2017 Caldecott Medal for illustrations.

"Pete the Cat" (and "Pete the Kitty") series, by Eric Litwin or James Dean. Pete always finds a way to put difficulties into a better light. Published 2008-present.

Spanish/Bilingual

"¿Es Esa Mi Gata?" by Jonathan Allen. Spanish. 2017. ¿Porque se aparece diferente la gata? Why does kitty look different?

"¿Ha Visto a Mi Gato? = Have you seen my cat?" by Eric Carle. Bilingual. 2016. Un niño está buscando a su gato. A child is looking for his missing cat.

"Un Gato y Un Perro," by Claire Masurel. 2003. Una historia de la amistad. A story about friendship.

More ideas, including chapter books:

- <https://www.readbrightly.com/cat-books-for-kids/>
- <https://bookriot.com/cat-books-for-kids/>
- <https://imaginationsoup.net/cat-books-for-kids/>

