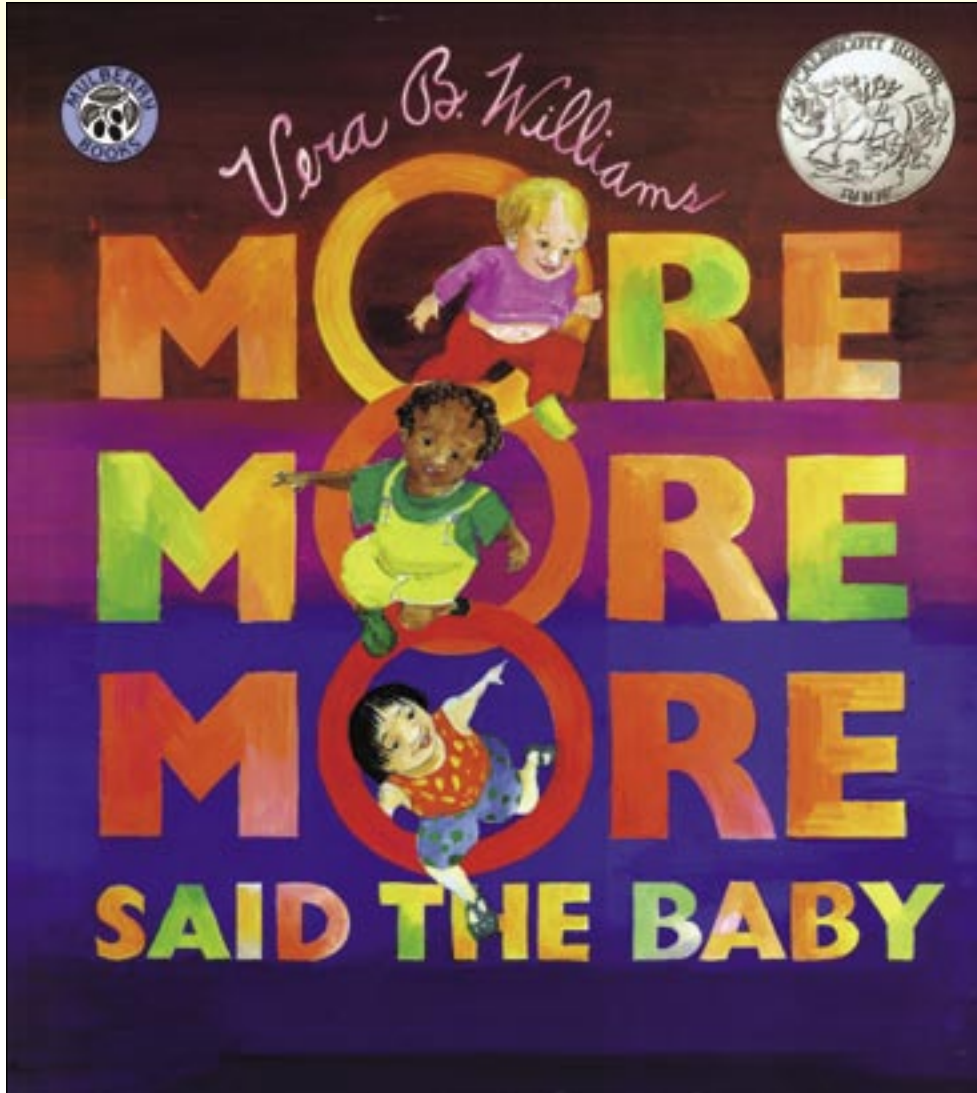


“More, More, More,” Said the Baby

By Vera B. Williams

Three beloved babies, Little Guy, Little Pumpkin and Little Bird are loved and get kissed a lot in a joyous celebration of family fun and closeness.



First Reading

Before you read this story, **set the stage** for enjoying the book with an introduction. Here are some ideas or you could make up your own.

“This is a book about babies. How many babies are there? One, two, or three babies. Do you remember when you were a baby? This book is called *“More, More, More,” Said the Baby*. Let’s read it.”



Read It Again (and Again) and Start a Conversation

“Little Guy wants to play. See, he’s smiling.

How does Little Guy run? Does his daddy catch him?

Where does his daddy kiss him? Where is your belly button?

Your belly button is ‘right in the middle, right in the middle, right in the middle of your fat little belly.’ (Invite child to join in the chant.)

What is Little Pumpkin wearing?

Does the grandma taste Little Pumpkin’s toes?

How many toes do you have? Let’s count them.

How does Little Pumpkin’s grandma hold her?

Why does grandma say that Little Pumpkin is ‘good enough to eat?’

What is this baby’s name?

What is Little Bird doing? Is she playing? How do you know she’s asleep?

Does her mother catch her? What would happen if she didn’t catch Little Bird?

Little Bird’s mother kisses her on her eyes. Where are your eyes?

What does Little Bird say?”

Play With Language

Game: Letter Sounds

Mmm, Mmmm, Mmmm.

What’s another word in the story that begins with the “M” sound? (mama)

How about buh, buh? Can you think of a word in this story that begins with the “B” sound? (baby, bellybutton, bird)

What word begins with this sound? Duh, duh, duh? (daddy)

Game: Rhyming Words

Little Pumpkin’s grandma kisses Little Pumpkin’s toes. Does she kiss his nose?

Nose–toes–Do those words sound alike? Nose, toes. They rhyme. When words sound alike they rhyme like nose and toes, or fun and sun, or cat and...? (If child cannot think of a rhyming word say one.)



Rhymes

Here are My Ears

Here are my ears.
(point to ears, nose)

Here is my nose.
Here are my fingers.
(flutter fingers)

Here are my toes.
(wiggle toes)

Here are my eyes,
(point to eyes)
Both open wide.

Here is my mouth
With white teeth inside.
(point to mouth and teeth)

Here is my tongue
(waggle tongue)
That helps me to speak.

Here is my chin,
(point to chin)

And here are my cheeks.
(cup cheeks in palms of hands)

Here are my hands
(wave hands)
That help me to play.

Here are my feet
(stamp feet)
For walking today.

This Little Piggy

This little piggy went to market.
(point to each toe beginning with big toe)

This little piggy stayed home.

This little piggy had roast beef.

This little piggy had none.

This little piggy went wee, wee, wee, all the way home.
(point to little toe and tickle from toe to chin on child)





Other Activities To Do Together

Trace your child's hands and feet on paper, outlining the fingers and toes. Write numbers on the fingers and toes. Use different colors to write the numbers. Ask "What color should we write the number one with? Do you want to pick a color for number two? Would you like to write the number ten with a blue crayon?"

Go to the library and check out other books by Vera Williams.

Listen to the songs on Hap Palmer's CD *Babysongs*.

More Books About Babies

The Baby Goes Beep by Rebecca O'Connell

Bittle by Patricia MacLachlan and Emily MacLachlan

The Day the Babies Crawled Away by Peggy Rathmann

Me Baby, You Baby by Ashley Wolff

Olivia by Ian Falconer

Te amo Bebé, Little One by Lisa Wheeler

This is the Baby by Candace Fleming

You're the Boss Baby Duck by Amy Hest

