



### **10 Tips to Introduce Reading to a Young Child who is Blind or Visually Impaired**

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1. Share your love of reading aloud by reading aloud with your child every day.
2. Choose times and places that are quiet, comfortable, and free from distractions.
3. Choose books that relate to the child's own experience.
4. Use objects to support the story.
5. Add textures or bright colors to call attention to important parts of the page.
6. Use interactive language to make the story more engaging and meaningful.
7. Provide books in braille and/or large print.
8. Encourage the child to be actively engaged in the handling of the book.
9. Create tactile books with the child based on their own experiences.
10. Store the books and literacy materials in an accessible place that the child can find.

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