

Perry Public Library Storytime

Curious Creatures



Stories we shared:

Where the Wild Things Are / Maurice Sendak
Go Away Big Green Monster / Ed Emberly

Five Ugly Monsters / Tedd Arnold

More stories to share:

10-step guide to living with your monster / Laura Numeroff
A child's guide to common household monsters / James Thach
A monster followed me to school / Mercer Mayer
Andrew's Amazing Monsters / Kathryn Berlan
Bedtime at the Swamp / Kristyn Crow
Beware of the Frog / William Bee
Birthday Monsters / Sandra Boynton
Boo! / Kirsten Hall
Bye-bye, big bad bullybug! / Ed Emberly
Casey in the Bath / Cynthia DeFelice
Cyrus the Unsinkable Sea Serpent / Bill Peet
Flusi the Sock Monster / Bine Brandle
Harry by the Sea / Gene Zion
I'm not going out there / Paul Bright
Kickle Snifters and other fearsome creatures / A. Schwartz
Leonardo the terrible monster / Mo Willems
Lima bean monster / Dan Yaccarino
Liza Lou and the Yeller Belly Swamp / Mercer Mayer
Maggie and the monster / Elizabeth Winthrop
Monster at the end of this book / Jon Stone

Monster brother / Mary Jane Auch
Monster Bubbles / Dennis Nolan
Monster munchies / Laura Numeroff
Monster trap / Dean Morrissey
No Such things / Bill Peet
Pish and Posh Wish for Fairy Wings / Barbara Bottner
Ravenous beast / Niamh Sharkey
Scariest monster in the whole wide world / Pamela Mayer
Sir Small and the sea monster / Jane O'Connor
Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone / Timothy Ering
Tale of Custard the dragon / Ogden Nash
Ten oni drummers / Matthew Gollub
Thelonius Monster's sky-high fly pie / Judy Sierra
There's a nightmare in my closet / Mercer Mayer
There's an alligator under my bed / Mercer Mayer
There's something in my attic / Mercer Mayer
Three billy goats gruff / Peter Asbjornsen
Three billy goats gruff / Steven Carpenter
Toad / Ruth Brown
Wanda's monster / Eileen Spinelli
Well Mannered Monster / Mary Brown



Early Literacy Extras:

- ✓ Talk about the word “monster” sound out the different parts of the word “mon” and “ster” – say them separately and then together again, first slowly and then faster. Do the same thing with “creature.”
- ✓ Help your child think of words that rhyme with “monster” and “creature” like “paper” and “buster” and “duster” – make up silly rhymes with these words. Try rhyming “claw” and “fang” too!
- ✓ Help your child find things that start with the “M”- “muh” sound and the “C”- “cuh” sound all around the house.
- ✓ Help your child make fun creatures out of pictures of animals from old magazines. Glue together on a sheet of paper the head of one animal, the body of another, and the tail of a third to make your own imaginary animal. Think up a name for this creature using the names of the three animals (Turtle, Bear, Lion = Turbion).
Write this name on the paper.
- ✓ Sing silly songs about creatures such as “I’m Being Eaten by a Boa Constrictor,” “The Crocodile” by Sharon, Lois & Bram, or “Comb Your Face” from *Sesame Street*.
Recite silly rhymes too, such as the ones listed on the following pages.
- ✓ **Say it in Sign!** Make a “C” shape with your right hand, (1) touch left palm, (2) twist and touch again – like cutting out cookies with a cookie cutter.



Songs and rhymes to share:

I'm not a monster

A monster always slams the door (pretend to slam door)
At dinner time he yells for more! (pound fists)
A monster jumps on furniture too (jump up and down)
I'm not a monster (point to self)
Are you? (point to other)

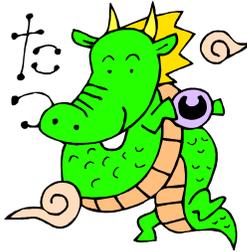
Do you hear a monster?

If you think you hear a monster (cup hand to ear)
Growling somewhere outside (make pretend claws with hands)
It's probably your stomach (rub tummy)
Needing some food inside! (pretend to eat)

Sleepy Monsters

(count on 3 fingers)

Here is a monster who growls all day
Here is a monster who likes to play
Here is a monster with eyes big and red
Now all three monsters go to bed
(fold 3 fingers down to palm)



Monster Man

I am the monster man! *(Point to self)*
I wave my arms! I roll my eyes! *(Suit actions to words)*
I shake my head! I gnash my teeth!
I jump up high! I say "Boo!" *(jump once)*
I sit down very quietly, too! *(sit down)*

If I Were a Monster...

If I were a happy monster, I'd go ha! ha! ha! *(Laugh)*
If I were a sad monster, I'd go boo, hoo, hoo. *(Rub eyes)*
If I were a mad monster, I'd go stomp, stomp, stomp! *(Stomp feet)*
If I were a scared monster, I'd go AAHH! AAHH! AAHH! *(Scream)*
But I'm just me, you see, so I'll just read, read, read!
(Put hands together like book)

Monster, Monster

Monster, monster, under the bed, *(hide eyes)*
You should go somewhere else instead! *(Shake finger)*
Go, Monster, go! *(say and stamp feet slowly)*
Go, Monster, go! *(say and stamp feet faster)*
Go, Monster, go, go, go! *(say and stamp feet very fast)*

Monster, Monster *(like "Teddy Bear Teddy Bear")*

Monster, monster, turn around.
Monster, monster, touch the ground.
Monster, monster, reach up high.
Monster, monster, squint your eyes.
Monster, monster, show your teeth.
Monster, monster, stamp your feet.

Monster Stomp

If you want to be a monster, now's your chance.
'Cause everybody's doing the monster dance.
You just stamp your feet, wave your arms around
Stretch 'em up, stretch 'em up, then put them on the ground.
Stamp your feet, wave your arms around
Stretch 'em up, stretch 'em up, then put them on the ground.

Ten Little Monsters

(sing to "Ten Little Indians")

1 little, 2 little, 3 little monsters
4 little, 5 little, 6 little monsters
7 little, 8 little, 9 little monsters
10 little monsters come to play / scare me!
10 little, 9 little, 8 little monsters
7 little, 6 little, 5 little monsters
4 little, 3 little, 2 little monsters
1 little monster left to play / can't scare me!

Are You Scared?

I think I hear a monster growling somewhere outside

Are you scared?

I'm not scared of monsters ,
No monster ever scared me
For I know all the monsters
Are only make believe!

repeat with:

I think I hear a monster knocking on the door
I think I saw a monster run underneath my bed
I think I hear a monster scratching on the window...

Monster Hunt

We're going on a monster hunt.
We're going to find a big one!
We're not scared, but –
What if he's under the bed? *(Pretend to peek under bed)*
Better go over it, squoosh, squoosh, squoosh.
(walk palms on legs)
What if he's in the closet? *(Pretend to open door)*
Better close it, SLAM!. *(Clap hands loudly)*
What if he's behind the curtains? *(peek through hands)*
Better open them, SWISH! *(fly hands apart)*
What if he's in the hallway? *(shade eyes)*
Better tiptoe down it, *(tiptoe)*
What if he's in the garage? *(shade eyes)*
Better stomp thru it, *(stomp feet)*
Shhh! *(put finger to lips)*
What's That????
Aaah! It's a monster! *(Scream loudly & wave hands)*
Stomp thru the garage, *(stomp feet)*
Tiptoe thru the hallway, *(tiptoe)*
Close the curtains, *(fly hands together)*
Open the closet, *(Pretend to open door)*
Turn on the lights *(snap fingers)*
And jump into bed, *(jump)*
Phew! *(brush brow)*
We're not going on a monster hunt again!
(shake head 'no')



Monster Stew

There are monsters everywhere,
Monsters wandering in my hair,
Monsters on the corner stair,
Monsters in the rocking chair,
Monsters going up the wall,
Monsters that are very tall,
If I caught them in a bunch,
I'd have monster stew for lunch.

(sing to "If You Ever See a Lassie")

If you ever see a monster,
A monster, a monster
If you ever see a monster,
Here's what you should do.
Make this face...and that face
And that face...and this face...
If you ever see a monster...
Be sure to shout "Boo!"

Monster Pokey

(sing to "The Hokey Pokey")

You put your claws in, you take your claws out
You put your claws in and you shake them all about
You do the wild rumpus and you turn your self around
and that's what it's all about !

Additional Verses:

horns, tail, big feet, and hairy self

There's a Monster... *(Sing to "If you're happy..")*

There's a monster in my kitchen and it's green! (Roar! Roar!)
There's a monster in my kitchen and it's green! (Roar! Roar!)
There's a monster in my kitchen and I don't know what it's fixin'!
There's a monster in my kitchen and it's green! (Roar! Roar!)

Other verses:

There's a monster in my closet & it smells! (Pew! Pew!)
...and I don't know what has caused it!
There's a monster under my bed & it snorts! (Snort! Snort!)
... and I think it wants to be fed!

If You're a Monster... *(Sing to "If you're happy..")*

If you're a monster and you know it, wave your arms.
If you're a monster and you know it, wave your arms.
If you're a monster and you know it,
then your arms will surely show it.
If you're a monster and you know it, wave your arms.

Other verses:

show your claws, gnash your teeth, stomp your feet...

Horns and Fangs *(sing to "Head Shoulders Knees and Toes")*

Horns and fangs, *(touch head, point to teeth)*
knees and claws, knees and claws. *(touch knees and toes)*
Horns and fangs, knees and claws, knees and claws
Eyes and ears and tail and paws. *(touch eyes, ears, back, and feet)*
Horns and fangs, knees and claws, knees and claws

Five Little Monsters *(count on fingers or toes)*

This little monster has a big red nose
This little monster has purple toes.
This little monster plays all night.
This little monster is such a fright.
And this little monster goes "Tee-hee-hee"
"I'm not scary, It's just me!"

Five little Monsters Sleeping In My Bed

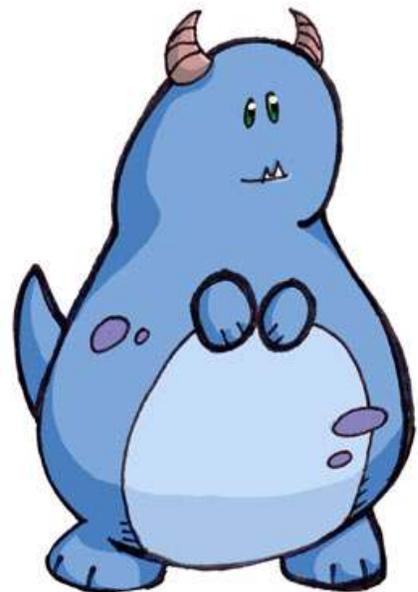
Five little monsters sleeping in my bed
One crawled out from under my spread
I called to Mama and Mama said
"No more monsters sleeping in your bed"
Repeat with 4,3,2,1
No little monsters sleeping in my bed
None crawling out from under my spread
I called to Mama and Mama said
"There aren't any monsters, so go to bed!"

Five Little Monsters

Five little monsters sitting on the floor. *(hold up 5 fingers)*
The first one said, "Let's knock on someone's door." *(knock)*
The second one said, "Let's act a little scary." *(show claws)*
The third one said, "Why are we so hairy?" *(shrug shoulders)*
The fourth one said, "I hear a funny sound." *(cup ear)*
The fifth one said, "There's no one else around." *(shake head)*
Then "WHOOSH" went the wind *(fling arms to one side)*
And "EEK!" someone said. *(wave hands in the air)*
So the five little monsters ran under the bed.
(hold up 5 fingers, hide them under other hand)

Five Hairy Monsters *(count on fingers)*

Five hairy monsters howling out a roar,
One ran away, and then there were four.
Four hairy monsters hiding in a tree,
One fell out, and then there were three.
Three hairy monsters eating spider stew,
One got full, and then there were two.
Two hairy monsters having lots of fun
One ran off and then there was one
One hairy monster, afraid to be the hero
He ran off, and then there were zero



MONSTER MATCH!

