

Raising Readers Backpack

Congratulations! By checking out and using this backpack from **Capital Area District Libraries**, you are helping your child develop important literacy skills. Although these skills are very important, they can also be fun to learn.

In fact, every time you use one of these five simple practices with your child, you are helping him or her develop into a lifelong learner: **reading, writing, talking, singing** and **playing**.

Here are some ideas for using the items in this backpack:

- Read the books together, pointing out new words as you go along.
- Write some of the letters or words you see in the book.
- Talk with your child about the items in the kit. Ask what he or she thinks the stories might be about.
- Listen to the music on the CD or DVD.
- After finishing one of the stories, imagine together what might happen next.

Read • Write • Talk • Sing • Play

This tip sheet stays with the backpack. For a copy of your own, visit any CADL branch or cadl.org/raisingreaders.

PRINCESS BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Song: “Curtsy Like a Princess” (Skip to My Lou)

Curtsy like a princess just like so

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Curtsy like a princess!

(Bow like a prince, juggle like a jester, fly like a fairy, roar like a dragon)

Song: “There Was a Princess” (repeat every line twice)

There was a princess long ago, long ago, long ago (curtsy)

And she lived in a big high tower, big high tower, big high tower (hands above head in triangle)

A wicked fairy cast a spell, cast a spell, cast a spell (wiggle fingers, cackle)

The princess slept for a hundred years, a hundred years, a hundred years (head on hands)

A great big forest grew around, grew around, grew around (spin)

A handsome prince came riding by, riding by, riding by (gallop)

He took his sword and cut the trees, cut the trees, cut the trees (make chopping motions)

He woke the princess with a kiss, with a kiss, with a kiss (blow kisses)

And everybody is happy now, happy now, happy now! (shoot “hooray!”)

Dress up like princes and princesses and have a dance party. Dance and sing to the Disney Princess: Fairy Tale Songs.

Go online and learn about real-life princesses at www.theveryfairyprincess.com/princesses.html

