

Storytime Outline: Preschool
Theme: Dinosaurs

1. Opening song: Clap and Sing Hello! Sung to the tune of Farmer in the Dell.

We clap and sing hello,
We clap and sing hello,
With our friends at storytime,
We clap and sing hello!

Repeat verses: Wave and sing hello, Stop and sing hello¹

2. Introduce the theme for the day and allow children/caregivers a chance to get settled.
3. Story song: Stomp, Stomp, Stomp Around. Sung to the tune of Row, Row, Row Your Boat. Note: Complete actions to match song.

Stomp, stomp, stomp around
On your great big feet.
Swish your tail, then turn around,
Now go take your seat!²

4. Read first story: *Dini Dinosaur* by Karen Beaumont.



5. Action rhyme: Dinosaur, Dinosaur. Note: Match actions to words.

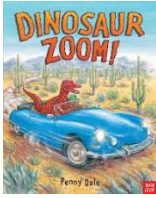
Dinosaur, dinosaur, turn around.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, touch the ground.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, reach up high.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, wink one eye.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, touch your nose.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, touch your toes.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, slap your knees.
Dinosaur, dinosaur, sit down please!³

¹ Credit: Storytime Katie

² Credit: Jean Warren

³ Credit: Storytime Katie

6. Read second story: *Dinosaur Zoom!* by Penny Dale



7. Action song: I'm a Mean Old Dinosaur. Sung to the tune of I'm a Little Teapot.

I'm a mean old dinosaur (*make a mean face*)
Big and tall (*gesture with hands*)
Here is my tail (*hands behind back to form tail*)
And here are my claws (*open hands, bending fingers*)
When I get all hungry (*rub tummy*)
I just growl (*exaggerate a growling sound*)
Look out kids – I'm on the prowl! (*Run and try to catch children*)⁴

8. Felt board: Five Funny Dinosaurs

Five funny dinosaurs letting out a roar
One went away, and then there were four.
Four funny dinosaurs, munching on a tree
One went away, and then there were three.
Three funny dinosaurs didn't know what to do
One went away, and then there were two.
Two funny dinosaurs having lots of fun
One went away, and then there was one.
One funny dinosaur afraid to be a hero
He went away and then there was zero.⁵

9. Action song: Dino Pokey. Sung to the tune of The Hokey Pokey.

You put your claws in,
You take your claws out,
You put your claws in,
And you scratch 'em all about.
You do the dino pokey,
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!

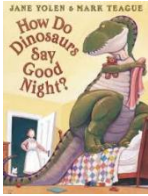
Repeat verses: Feet, teeth, tail⁶

⁴ Credit: Surrey Public Library

⁵ Credit: Storytime Katie

⁶ Credit: SurLaLune Storytime

10. Read third story: *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* by Jane Yolen



11. Wrap up storytime and close out session.

12. Closing song: We Wave Goodbye Like This. Sung to the tune of Farmer in the Dell.

We wave goodbye like this.
We wave goodbye like this.
We clap our friends for all our friends.
We wave goodbye like this.⁷

13. Craft (if desired): Create clothespin dinosaurs.



This craft can be modified for children of all ages. Have dinosaurs cut out ahead of time with eyes applied. Children can decorate dinosaurs and clothespins with stickers, crayons, etc.⁸

⁷ Credit: Storytime Katie

⁸ Credit: Allison McDonald