

Quiet Time with My Seeya

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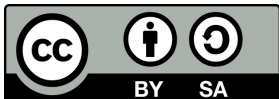


***Quiet Time with My Seeya* portrays a playful relationship between a child and her grandfather. The two do not speak the same language, but they are able to communicate in other ways to ensure they always have a great time together. This story models play between caregiver and child beautifully in its representation of developmentally-appropriate games and activities.**

Activity Ideas for *Quiet Time With My Seeya*:

- Play pretend like Sona and her seeya! Try dressing up, playing show-and-tell, or talking about make-believe adventures. As you are playing, discuss your scenario, actions, and props with your child, and encourage your child to describe what they are doing as they do it. This gives them a chance to practice new vocabulary.
- Try cooking with your child and get messy like Seeya! Children learn through all of their senses, and cooking is a wonderful way to explore the smells, tastes, and textures of food. If you follow a recipe, be sure to read it with your child to build up their print awareness, the knowledge that print is everywhere and that it has meaning.
- In this book, Sona and her seeya take turns reading to each other, even though they don't know all of the same words. Read books with your child and encourage them to tell you the story instead of the other way around. You can even try using wordless picture books for this. When children listen to stories, they learn the structure of a story, and this helps them to tell their own.

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