

Storytime Ideas



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Book Title: En La Oscura Cueva/ In the Dark Cave

About the Book: A cricket, a rat, and a bat live happily in a dark cave. Each one has a unique way of navigating without light, but one day, an explorer enters the cave and brings a new kind of light.

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun!

Dress up in all black and record/read in a unlit room with a flash light shining on you.

What's in the Mystery Bag?

Put several items in your bag and use a flashlight to shine a light on the item.

Whiteboard Activities:

To help children become familiar with rhyming words, use the whiteboard, and write each rhyming word found on each page.

Actions & Transitions:

- **Before Reading:**
 - Show the cover of the book. Ask: What insect do you see? What else do you notice in the picture? Point out how the black background represents darkness.
- **During Reading:**
 - Ask: What do you think your life would be like if you lived in darkness? Would you be able to navigate through your house without seeing?
- **After Reading:**
 - Play "Rhyming Flashlight" Shine the flashlight on an object or word and have the children either find something that rhymes with it or share a word. (example: car, jar; pan, can; dice, rice)

Vocabulary:

- Crafty
- Echoing
- Impossible