

# Family Storytime

## Ages 2½-5

April 5

Today's Theme:  
Dogs!

### Books Shared:

*Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion  
*The Pigeon Wants a Puppy* by Mo Willems  
*Whistle for Willie* by Ezra Jack Keats  
*Bark, George* by Jules Feiffer

### Flannel: Down Around the Corner

Down around the corner at my mom's pet store  
Were 5 little dogs and not one more.  
Along came someone with a dollar to pay  
And they bought a little dog and took it away

Down around the corner at my mom's pet store  
Were 4 little dogs and not one more.

Were 3 little dogs  
Were 2 little dogs  
Was 1 little dog



### Craft: Stretchy Dog

**Facts about Dogs:** A dog's sense of hearing is 10 times greater than that of humans. Dogs were domesticated over 10,000 years ago!

### Action: Some Dogs Bark

*(make appropriate noises)*  
Some dogs bark.  
Some dogs growl.  
Some dogs yip.  
Some dogs howl.  
And some dogs just wag their tail.



### Fingerplay: Puppy's Doghouse

This is the puppy's dog house  
*(Tips of all fingers together)*  
This is the puppy's bed  
*(Hands flat, palms together)*  
This is the puppy's snack bowl *(Cup hands)*  
Where he can be fed *(Rub tummy)*  
This is the puppy's collar *(Make circle with hands)*  
His name is on it too  
Take a ball and throw it *(Pretend to toss ball)*  
He'll bring it back to you *(Tap palms on lap)*



**Literacy Tip:** Be enthusiastic and get your child involved when choosing and reading books together.