



# StoryTime SPARKS! Best Practices For Holidays & Special Days!

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**THEME:** Pirates!: Talk Like a Pirate Day, September 19 (or anytime!)

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## BOOKS:

Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies by Carolyn Crimi

Henry and the Crazy Chicken Pirates by Carolyn Crimi

On A Pirate Ship by Sarah Courtauld

Tough Boris by Mem Fox

The Night Pirates by Peter Harris

Roger, The Jolly Pirate by Brett Helquist

Pirate Pete's Talk Like A Pirate by Kim Kennedy

Bubble Bath Pirates by Jarrett Krosoczka

Captain and Matey Set Sail by Daniel Laurence

I Love My Pirate Papa by Laura Leuck

How I Became A Pirate by Melinda Long

The Pirate's Parrot by Lyn Rossiter McFarland

A Pirate's Quest for His Family Heirloom Peg Leg by Laura and Robert Sams

(Website with Pirate's Quest song and video: [www.apiratesquest.com](http://www.apiratesquest.com))

This Little Pirate by Philemon Sturges

Do Pirates Take Baths? by Kathy Tucker

## SONGS & FINGERPLAYS

If You're a Pirate and You Know It by Born Librarian

If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (swish, swish)

If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (swish, swish)

If you're a pirate and you know it, then you'll hear the sea winds blowin.

If you're a pirate and you know it, swab the deck (swish, swish)

Repeat with other verses/actions:

If you're a pirate and you know it, walk the plank (stomp, stomp)...

If you're a pirate and you know it, say ahoy: "Ahoy!" (with arm movement)...

Five Little Pirates - variation of 'Five Little Monkeys' by Nancy Carstensen

Five little pirates jumping on the ship

One fell off and took a dip!

The captain yelled, "Ahoy, let no more slip!

No more pirates jumping on my ship!"

(continue counting down 4, 3 etc.)

Last verse

No little pirates jumping on the ship  
The captain's all alone with pouting lip.  
The swabbies climb aboard and drip, drip drip.  
Back to work, let's sail our ship!

The Ship on the Sea - to the tune of "The Wheels On The Bus" (adapted by Adeline Pinon)

The ship on the sea goes up and down, up and down, up and down  
The ship on the sea goes up and down...all day long.  
The Pirates on the ship say arr arr arr / arr arr arr / arr arr arr,  
The Pirates on the ship say arr arr arr, all day long  
The Mateys on the boat say ahoy-ahoy! Ahoy ahoy! Ahoy ahoy!  
The Mateys on the boat say ahoy-ahoy! All day long  
Me Laddies in the sea say... Shiver Me Timbers! Shiver Me Timbers! Shiver Me Timbers!  
Me Laddies in the sea say... Shiver Me Timbers! All day long!

Jolly Roger Had A Pirate - to the tune of "Bingo"

Jolly Roger had a parrot and Polly was her name ho  
P-O-L-L-Y, P-O-L-L-Y, P-O-L-L-Y  
And Polly was her name ho.

Jolly Roger had a parrot and POLLY was her name ho  
\_OLLY, \_OLLY, \_OLLY  
(clap on blanks)

(repeat song removing one letter each time until you reach the last verse where you clap out all of the letters.)

The One-Eyed Pirate

The one-eyed pirate (cover one eye)  
He's fierce and he's tough,(clench fists)  
He digs for buried treasure,(digging motion)  
He never finds enough!

He lives on a ship way out on the sea. (make wavy motions with hands)  
His parrot is his only friend (perch hand on shoulder)  
Except for me. (point to self)

This Pirate - to the tune of "This Old Man"

This pirate,  
Has a hat,  
Where a skull and cross bones sat,  
With an 'Ar, Ar, Ar' and an 'Aye Matey',  
This pirate sailed on the sea.

This pirate,  
With a patch,  
He sailed around without a scratch,  
With an 'Ar, Ar, Ar' and an 'Aye Matey',

This pirate sailed on the sea.

This pirate,  
Wears an earring,  
Made with fishing hook and string,  
With an 'Ar, Ar, Ar' and an 'Aye Matey',  
This pirate sailed on the sea.

### **EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITY:**

The Letter “R” (The pirate’s favorite letter!)

Using a whiteboard or paper flip pad, draw a big letter “R” with room below. Make the “r” sound and give the children examples of easy words that begin with R. Ask them to give you other words.

Alternately, you can give them clues about words that begin with R and have them guess the words.

### **CRAFTS & OTHER ACTIVITIES:**

Paper Pirate Hats: Fold two pieces of 12” x 18” piece of construction paper in half. Draw half a pirate hat and cut out. Glue around sides and top, leaving bottom open to put it on your head. Print a “jolly roger” skull and bones image, cut and paste on hat. Many children like to embellish their hats with markers, glitter, etc.

Pirate Castles Craft: Lightweight cardboard and four toilet paper rolls (four rolls made of black paper can be substituted) Instructions at: <http://www.ziggityzoom.com/print.php?activity=71>

Temporary Tattoos: Use temporary tattoos, face paint or stickers to make pirate tattoos.

Spyglasses: Decorate paper towel cardboard rolls. Glue a paper ring around one end, with or without plastic wrap as a “lens.”

Treasure Maps: Show children a sample treasure map you’ve created with features such as water, mountains, islands, etc -- and an “X” for the treasure, of course. Children draw their own maps, then crumple them up and flatten to look like real pirate maps. Optional: Tear some paper off the edges of the maps.

Walk the Plank: Put a length of wide “duct tape” down on the floor. Play pirate music and have the children walk along the tape, heel to toe, without stepping off the tape. Alternative: If it’s too easy, speed them up with some ornery pirate talk!

How I Became A Pirate Activity Sheets -- based on the book by Melinda Long and David Shannon <http://www.harcourtbooks.com/images/PDF/ActivityKit/How%20i%20Became%20a%20Pirate%20Activity%20Kit.pdf> or <http://tinyurl.com/y8po56v>

Pirate Theme Page at Enchanted Learning: <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/themes/pirate.shtml>  
Craft ideas, worksheets, writing exercises about pirates.

**Snack Idea:** Goldfish Crackers

### **Pirate Music:**

“Captain Bogg & Salty - Pirate Rock for Everybody In the Crew” <http://www.boggandsalty.com>

Songs: "Captain Feathersword," "Go Captain Feathersword, Ahoy," and "Our Boat is Rocking on the Sea" by The Wiggles on CD's "Toot, Toot" and "Yummy, Yummy"

**Talk Like a Pirate Vocabulary Links:**

Official Talk Like a Pirate Day Site (CAUTION: Not all of the site is appropriate for kids!)

<http://www.talklikeapirate.com/piratehome.html>

Proper Pirate Parlance - Captain Bogg & Salty: [http://www.boggandsalty.com/treasure\\_parlance.php](http://www.boggandsalty.com/treasure_parlance.php)

**Pirate Poems:**

From: Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein. (Harper & Row, 1974).

"Captain Hook", page 18

"Pirate Captain Jim", page 144

From: A Light by the Attic by Shel Silverstein. (Harper & Row, 1974).

"The Pirate", page 49

"Captain Blackbeard Did What?", page 104

Pirate Don Durk of Dowdee by Mildred Plew Meigs

Ho, for the Pirate Don Durk of Dowdee!

He was as wicked as wicked could be,

But oh, he was perfectly gorgeous to see!

The Pirate Don Durk of Dowdee.

His conscience, of course, was as black as a bat,

But he had a floppety plume on his hat

And when he went walking it jiggled - like that!

The plume of the Pirate Dowdee.

His coat it was handsome and cut with a slash,

And often as ever he twirled his mustache

Deep down in the ocean the mermaids went splash,

Because of Don Durk of Dowdee.

Moreover, Dowdee had a purple tattoo,

And struck in his belt where he buckled it through

Were a dagger, a dirk, and a squizzamaroo,

For fierce was the Pirate Dowdee.

So fearful he was he would shoot at a puff,

And always at sea when the weather grew rough

He drank from a bottle and wrote on his cuff,

Did Pirate Don Durk of Dowdee.

Oh, he had a cutlass that swung at his thigh

And he had a parrot called Pepperkin Pye,

And a zigzaggy scar at the end of his eye

Had Pirate Don Durk of Dowdee.

He kept in a cavern, this buccaneer bold,

A curious chest that was covered with mould,

And all of his pockets were jingly with gold!

Oh jing! went the gold of Dowdee.

His conscience, of course it was crook'd like a squash,  
But both of his boots made a slickery slosh,  
And he went through the world with a wonderful swash,  
Did Pirate Don Durk of Dowdee.

It's true he was wicked as wicked could be,  
His sins they outnumbered a hundred and three,  
But oh, he was perfectly gorgeous to see,  
The Pirate Don Durk of Dowdee.

**Pirate Puppets:**

Pirate Puppet by Melissa and Doug available from Demco ([www.demco.com](http://www.demco.com))

Pirate Finger Puppets and Silly Sounds Hand Puppet Perilous Pete Pirate by Manhattan Toy ([www.manhattantoy.com](http://www.manhattantoy.com))

Pirate Parrot by Aurora Puppets (various vendors, search online)

**Pirate Reading Promotions:** Available from Upstart ([www.upstart.com](http://www.upstart.com)), including awards, bookmarks, plastic “gold” coins with “Book-Aneers” and “Books Arrrrr Great!” theme.

Storytime Sparks handouts will be posted online at:  
<http://www.librarypalooza.net/sparks2009handouts.html>