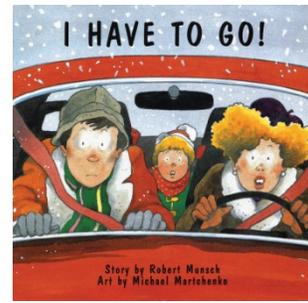




I Have To Go!

By Robert Munsch



In this short story, timing is everything when Andrew is starting to toilet train during his visit to his grandparents!

Before:

Begin story time by introducing the story to the children. Take time to look at the cover and create questions to help gain the children's interest. Using the words "I wonder" is a good way to do so.

- "I wonder where this family is travelling to. Where do they have to go?"

During:

While you are reading take time to look at the pictures in the book. Talk about how everyone keeps asking Andrew to use the bathroom and why they ask at those specific times. Point out any rare words and help define them in a way that they children will understand best.

Rare Words in *I Have To Go!*

Decide: to make a choice

Relax: make or become less tense or anxious

Snowsuit: a child's one- or two-piece coverall with a warm lining for protection against cold and often with a water-repellent outer material.

Bush: a shrub or clump of shrubs with stems of moderate length

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What did Andrew decide before he went on the trip to visit his grandparents?
- What happened after five minutes of driving?
- What did his family ask him before he went outside to play?
- What happened in the middle of the night?
- What did Andrew ask his grandpa?



Let's Talk About *I Have To Go!*

Not only is this story about Andrew learning to use the toilet, it is also about a family visit to his grandparent's house. Do you take trips to go visit other family? Who do you visit? Is it a long drive to visit your family or do they all live close? Who do you like to visit the most?

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Make Your Own Potty Training Chart!

It is a good idea, when teaching your child to use the toilet, to have a potty training chart to help motivate them!



Materials:

- Paper
- Ruler & Marker
- Items to decorate with
- Stickers

Instructions:

- Create a chart using your ruler and marker and label down the column these six categories:
1. Told parents you needed to go. **2.** Sat on potty. **3.** Went potty. **4.** Wiped. **5.** Flushed potty. **6.** Washed hands.
 - Extend your chart to the right creating more columns for stickers to be placed.
 - Create one last column on the farthest right labelled: **How We're Going To Celebrate**
 - Let your child decorate the chart and help as much as they can!

This is the Way We Wash Our Hands!

To the tune of "Here We Go 'Round the Mulberry Bush":

**This is the way we wash our hands,
Wash our hands, wash our hands.
This is the way we wash our hands
To scrub away the germs.
This is the way we use the soap,
Use the soap, use the soap.
This is the way we use the soap
To scrub away the germs.**

What's included in the kit

- Story Props
- Family Mini Book with Match Pieces
- *Time For School* Mini Book
- Shape Match Puzzle
- *How many in my home-* Counting worksheet
- Family Member Match Cards
- Household Bingo
- Alphabet Clip Cards
- Number Match

