



StoryTime SPARKS! Best Practices For Holidays & Special Days!

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THEME: Pancake Day

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1. **Introductions**
2. **First Book:** *Curious George Makes Pancakes* by Margret and H. A. Rey
3. **Movement Song:** Pancake
4. **Second Book:** *Hey Pancakes!* By Stephen Gammell
5. **Fingerplay:** Five Hot Pancakes
6. **Flannel Board or Puppet Song:** “Flip Flap Jack” found in *Ready-To-Go Storytimes: Fingerplays, Scripts, Patterns, Music and More* by Gail Benton
7. **Third Book:** *The Great Pancake Escape* by Paul Many
8. **Movement/Stand-up Song:** Pancake Song
9. **Fourth Book:** *If You Give a Pig a Pancake* by Laura Numeroff
10. **Closing Poem:** “Pancakes?” found in *Where the Sidewalk Ends* by Shel Silverstein
11. **Craft:** Felt pancakes on paper plates.

Use a circular plastic lid for pancake pattern. Make two identical felt circles for each pancake. Put a few cotton balls or some batting between the felt and glue down the edges with a hot glue gun or tacky glue. Glue the pancake(s) to the paper plate and decorate with felt, tissue, and paper scraps.

STORYTIME SPARKS! - Additional Resources

Storytime Songs and Rhymes

Pancake (Tune can be found at Kididdles.com)

Mix a pancake, stir a pancake,
Pop it in a pan.
Fry a pancake, toss a pancake,
Catch it if you can!

Five Hot Pancakes

Five hot pancakes in a baker's shop,
Big and round with butter on the top.
I came in with a dollar one day,
Bought a pancake and took it away.

Four hot pancakes ...
Three hot pancakes ...
Two hot pancakes ...
One hot pancakes ...

Pancake Song (Sung to the tune of Skip to My Lou)

Pop a little pancake into a pan,
Pop a little pancake into a pan,
Pop a little pancake into a pan,
I'll have one for my tea.

Shake in the sugar with a shake shake shake,
Shake in the sugar with a shake shake shake,
Shake in the sugar with a shake shake shake,
I'll have one for my tea.

Squeeze in the lemon with a squeeze squeeze squeeze,
Squeeze in the lemon with a squeeze squeeze squeeze,
Squeeze in the lemon with a squeeze squeeze squeeze,
I'll have one for my tea.

Roll it all around with a roly roly roll,
Roll it all around with a roly roly roll,
Roll it all around with a roly roly roll,
I'll have one for my tea.

Eat it all up with a yum yum yum,
Eat it all up with a yum yum yum,
Eat it all up with a yum yum yum,
I'll have one for my tea.

Suit actions to words

Additional Flannel Stories:

"The Johnny-Cake" found in *The Flannel Board Storytelling Book* by Judy Sierra

"The Runaway Pancake" and other similar tales found at <http://www.surlalunefairytales.com/gingerbread/other.html>.

Additional Poem:

"The Pancake Collector" found in *For Laughing Out Loud: Poems to Tickle Your Funnybone* by Jack Prelutsky

Additional Rhymes:

Five Crispy Pancakes

Five crispy pancakes in a frying pan,
Flip them and toss them and catch them if you can.
Along came (choose a child),
For a pancake one day
Sprinkled it with sugar and took it away.

Four crispy pancakes...
Three crispy pancakes...
Two crispy pancakes...
One crispy pancakes...

Five Fluffy Pancakes

Five fluffy pancakes frying in a pan,
The pan got hot and one went bam,

Four fluffy pancakes...
Three fluffy pancakes...
Two fluffy pancakes...
One fluffy pancakes...

No fluffy pancakes frying in a pan,
The pan got hot and it went bam.

Make a Pancake

Make a pancake, pat, pat, pat. (pat hand together)
Do not make it, fat, fat, fat. (stretch hands apart)
You must make it flat, flat, flat. (pat hands together)
Make a pancake just like that. (clap hand together)

Pancake Day (a Mother Goose rhyme)

Great A, little a,
This is Pancake Day;
Toss the ball high,
Throw the ball low,
Those that come after
May sing heigh-ho!

Traditional Rhyme

Tippety-tippety-tin;
Give me a pancake and I'll come in.
Tippety-tippety-toe;
Give me a pancake and then I'll go.

Additional Songs:

"I'm a little Pancake"

(Sung to the tune of I'm a Little Tea Pot)

I'm a little Pancake, round and brown.
Here is my upside,
Here is my down.
When I am ready, take a bite,
Flip me over,
I'm a lovely sight.

I put on my hat and I went out to play
Along came the wind and blew it away
Into a pasture and under a cow
Cow took a bite—it's a doughnut now
Doughnut hat, doughnut hat, doughnut hat, doughnut hat
Used to be fine with a feather and that
Now I call it my doughnut hat

Pancake Hat

I went to a party and brought my hat
I put it on a bed and along came a cat
Cat sat down and squashed it flat
Now I call it my pancake hat
Pancake hat, pancake hat, pancake hat, pancake hat
Used to be fine with a feather and that
Now I call it my pancake hat

I was hot one day so I went for a swim
I put on my hat and I jumped right in
My hat swelled up and I said, "DRAT!"
Now I call it my muffin hat
Muffin hat, muffin hat, muffin hat, muffin hat
Used to be fine with a feather and that
Now I call it my muffin hat

Additional Stories:

Marsupial Sue Presents the Runaway Pancake by John Lithgow
Mr. Wolf's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley
The Pancake by Anita Lobel
Pancakes, Pancakes! By Eric Carle
Perfect Pancakes If You Please by William Wise
Round Is a Pancake by Joan Sullivan Baranski and Yu-Mei Han
Snuggle Mountain by Lindsay Lane

Pancake Day Games:

Pancake race

Give each contestant a frying pan or plate and one or more felt pancakes. If using one pancake per contestant, the contestants must toss their pancakes as they make their way to the finish line. If using more than one pancake, the contestants must keep their pancake stack balanced. If a pancake falls out of the pan or off the plate, the contestant has to return to the start.

Pancake toss

Provide each child with a frying pan or plate and a felt pancake. Set a timer for 1 minute and see how many times they can toss their pancake.