

"Eleanor's Secret" tells the story of a young boy named Nathaniel whose Aunt Eleanor has left him behind her magical library. It's up to him to save the fairy tale characters who lie within the books or else they will disappear from the pages forever!

## Fairy Tales ~ Bedtime Stories App

An interactive app featuring fairy tales and games that make reading fun!



## Family Activities:

Family Book Club

Family Reading Night - cozy up in your pajamas and spend time reading together

Book-Themed Dinners - dress up as your favorite characters or make their favorite foods

Reading Nooks - set up comfy places in the house for all to read

## "I Met a Dragon Face to Face"

by Jack Prelutsky

<https://owlshbooks.com/2018/10/05/poetry-i-met-a-dragon-face-to-face-jack-prelutsky/>



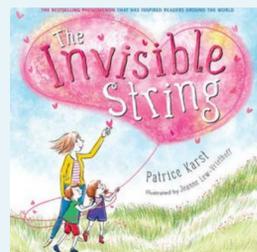
For more info:

<https://www.readbrightly.com/> (great book recommendations for every age group)

<https://www.readbrightly.com/how-to-start-family-book-club/>



A short animated film about a boy, his grandfather, and their kite, illustrating that, though our loved ones may pass, they never truly leave our hearts.



## "The Invisible String" by Patrice Karst

A reassuring story that reminds us all that we are always connected to the ones we love, no matter how far they may be.

<https://youtu.be/n5w3dfVfxcw>

## Family Activities:

Loving Letters: Design and color a shoebox to represent a mailbox.

Whenever you are missing someone, you can write them a letter and place it in the shoebox.

Emotion Jar: Set up an emotion jar in your home with just a mason jar, writing utensils, and small pieces of paper. These private notes remind us to be mindful and know that all feelings are worth sharing.

For more ideas:

<https://patricekarst.com/kids-activity-kit/>



"ERNEST AND  
CÉLESTINE"

A heartwarming story of adventure and the power of friendship, "Ernest and Célestine" tells of the bond between an unlikely pair and how kindness and hope can transcend all.

**StoryBird ~ Storybook Creation App and Website**  
Create your own storybooks through digital storytelling. With many inspirational artwork options, select pictures and get writing and reading!

Similar options:  
<https://www.culturestreet.org.uk/activities/picturebookmaker/>  
<https://www.storyjumper.com/>  
<http://utellstory.com/>



**Kids Doodle**  
Like Célestine, get creative and draw any design of your choice with a variety of tools!



**Super Color - Paint by Number**  
A digital coloring book for all ages!

Family Painting/Coloring Night

Family Bookmaking - <https://youtu.be/21qi9ZcQVto>

Family Story-time - Take time to read, act out, and share stories you have created or others have written. Perhaps open or make a wordless picture book and take turns creating your own stories from the artwork.

**Family Activities:**

<https://www.amazon.com/Tuesday-David-Wiesner/dp/0395870828>



**Cooking Mama ~ Interactive Cooking App**

Become a culinary chef with this family-friendly cooking game built for all ages!

**Tasty ~ Food Videos and Recipes**

With Tasty, you and your family can find all sorts of recipes to make together!

Bonus: Have your kids read aloud the recipe while you make it to further build upon literacy AND their meal.



<https://tasty.co/>  
<https://tasty.co/article/melissaharrison/cooking-with-kids>

**Family Activities:**

**Chopped\*** - Like the popular Food Network television series, you and your family can play from the comfort of your own home! Parents, get ready to become your kids' personal sous-chef!



**Goal-Getter** - At the start of the week, have each family member set a goal that they can accomplish within a week's time. Post each person's goal somewhere visible to serve as a reminder!



"Pressure Cooker: Culinary Arts Bootcamp" is a compelling documentary about students at Frankford High School in Philadelphia with a strong hunger for success outside of Philly and a mastery of the culinary arts.

Cooking skills by age: <https://www.williams-sonoma.com/recipe/tip/skills-by-age.html>

\*How to play Chopped at home: <https://frugalminimalistkitchen.com/chopped-home-challenge-ingredient-ideas/>