Three Little Kittens
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This picture book is a version of the classic rhyme, *Three Little Kittens*. It shows kittens as they play in leaves and get their whiskers sticky all under the watchful eye of their "mama".

**New words and sounds your child might learn:**
mittens, fear, naughty, pie, soiled, rat.

**Before:**
- Look at the cover of the book and talk about what the kittens look like.
- Count the kittens.
- Have your toddler point to their eyes, nose, mouth, ears, etc.
- Talk about what the kittens are wearing. Share colors.
- If your child has mittens have them put them on to read the book.

**During:**
- As you read the book read the rhyming words with rhythm and expression.
- Make the mewing and purring sounds of kittens while reading the book.
- At the end of the book, talk about the expressions on the kittens’ faces. Talk about what the kittens might be feeling and why.

**After:**
- Ask your child, “Do kittens really wear mittens?”
- Ask your child if kittens really eat pie? Talk about what kittens eat.
- With your child make the sounds that kittens make when they are happy and sad.

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play, too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.

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