

Choose to Read Ohio  
presents  
**Tiger in My Soup**  
by Jeffery Ebbeler (author)  
and Kashmira Sheth (illustrator)



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**Talking:** Even after his big battle with a hungry tiger, the narrator still wants to read his favorite book– about a tiger. Ask your child if he has a favorite book. What is the book about? Why does he enjoy it?

**Singing:** Have you ever sung “Teasing Mr. Crocodile”? This jungle song starts with a bunch of monkeys, and works well with hand motions. *Five little monkeys sitting in a tree / Teasing Mr. Crocodile “You can't catch me.” / Along came Mr. Crocodile, quiet as can be... SNAP! Count down until there are no more little monkeys sitting in a tree!*

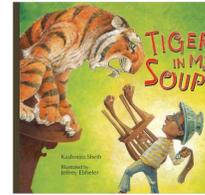
**Reading:** The young narrator of **Tiger in My Soup** tries to read alone. But sadly, he concludes “it's no fun doing it by myself.” Ask your child if she has any books she likes to read or look at by herself. Is it more fun to read with someone? Who does your child like to read with?

**Writing:** In the story, a tiger emerges from alphabet soup! Ask your child to look at the letters of the alphabet (both capital and lower case). Do any of the letter shapes look like part of a tiger? Perhaps an “S” looks like a curved tiger tail. Could a “B” be two tiger eyes? Encourage your child to use her imagination to see all kinds of wild shapes in letters. Have her draw a picture using letters as shapes.

**Playing:** Encourage your child to pretend he is a jungle animal, moving around and making animal sounds. Can you guess which animal he is? Switch roles and see if he can guess which jungle creature you are.

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