

Stitch the Witch

Talk to your child about the story:

Stitch the Witch must be in a good mood today because she has decided to give her cat three wishes. Stitch can't even get this right! What do you think could go wrong?

If you could have three wishes, what would they be?

What do you think a cat might wish for?

Begin by reading the story words. Can your child 'Fred' in their head ... in other words can they sight read the words or silently decode them and then say the word out loud?

rub	witch	went	cat	have
fish	ping	dish	soft	bed
had	wish	→ wishes		
I	said	the	of	you

Remember, you can't 'Fred' a red! Use the first sound as a clue.

Underlined sounds show 'special friends' where 2 letters = 1 sound.

Now you are ready to read the story.

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“Rub this lamp,” said Stitch the witch,
“then **you** can have 3 wishes.”

Rub-a-dub-dub, went **the** cat.

“**I** wish **I** had ... a fish.”

Ping!



Ru-a-dub-dub, went **the** cat.

“**I** wish **I** had ... a dish of milk.”

Ping!



Rub-a-dub-dub, went **the** cat.

“**I** wish **I** had ... a soft bed.”

Ping!



We encourage the children to read the text at least twice so we know they are familiar with it. Then ask them these comprehension questions.

- ✚ Why does the cat rub the lamp?
- ✚ What does he say to make the magic work
- ✚ What is his first wish
(beginning of text)
- ✚ What is the cat's second wish?
- ✚ What is the cat's third wish?
- ✚ How does Stitch feel about the cat's third wish?

Can your child think of another more interesting words which means 'angry'? (You could tell them: cross, furious, annoyed, irritated)