

Fun with Clifford

Clifford Books

You can find these and other **Clifford Books** at your local Library:

- *Clifford the Big Red Dog* by Norman Bridwell
- *Clifford's Best Friend*
- *Clifford the Firehouse Dog*

To develop early literacy skills, after you read the books to your child, **ask them some questions about the story** such as:

- Who is the little girl who has a big red dog?
- What tricks can Clifford do?
- Where does Clifford sleep at night?
- What is an author?
- Who is the author of Clifford?
- Where do you find Clifford books?

Clifford Songs and Fingerplays

*Call the puppy
And give him some milk
Brush his coat till it shines like silk
Call the dog
And give him a bone
Take him for a walk a
And put him in his home*

If You're A Big Red Dog

(sing to the tune of "If you're Happy and You Know It")

*If you're a big Red dog - Clap your paws (two times)
If you're a big Red dog, a big red dog
If you're a big Red dog - Clap your paws
Continue as above with "flap your ears" and "shake your tail"*

Find the pattern for Clifford Ears at:

<http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/cliffordhat1.html>

Make Clifford ears to sing with this song:

*Do Your Ears hang low
Do your ears hang low, do they wobble to and fro
Can you tie them in a knot, can you tie them in a bow
Can you throw them over your shoulder like a continental soldier?
Do your ears hang low?*

Clifford Was His Name

(Sing to the Tune of BINGO)

*There was a dog and he was red and Clifford was his name-o
Clifford was his name
Clifford was his name
Clifford was his name
And Clifford was his name -o*

Action song: Paws and Nose

(Sing to the tune of Head and Shoulders):

*Paws and noses ears and tails
ears and tails
ears and tails
Paws and noses ears and tails
fur, fleas, ticks and snails!*

Action song: Clifford Says

(same as Simon says)

Clifford Says: Touch your head (children touch their head)
Clifford Says: touch your knees (children touch their knees)
Now say: *touch your ears* (and if they do they're out)
I didn't say "Clifford says" first

Action song: Stretching Rhyme

(great way to get kids to sit after activities)

Clifford goes up (reach Up)
Clifford goes down (reach down touch the ground)
Clifford turns all around (turn in a circle)
Hands on his shoulders (touch shoulders)
Hands on his head (touch their head)
Hands on his knees (touch knees)
Then sit down please (everyone sits)

Clifford Links

<http://pbskids.org/clifford/>

<http://www.dltk-kids.com/books/clifford/>