

## **Falling for Rapunzel** by Leah Wilcox

Forget the old Rapunzel story! This silly version contains a whole lot of rhythm and rhyme.

**H**aving fun with language helps your child learn to crack the code of reading. The activities below encourage you and your child to play with letters, words, and sounds.

- Read *Falling for Rapunzel* aloud several times. Once the story is familiar, pause and let your child try to provide the rhyming words (for example...Rapunzel, Rapunzel, throw down your hair. She thought he said, "Your \_\_\_\_\_." )
- While driving in the car, play a rhyming game with your child. Start with a word like cat. Ask your child to think of a word that rhymes with cat. Take turns back and forth. Try other words like hop, bike, or moon.
- Tap out a beat as you chant or sing. Clap a simple rhythm for your child to clap back to you. Playing with rhythm develops memory and listening skills and helps children pay attention to the sounds of language.

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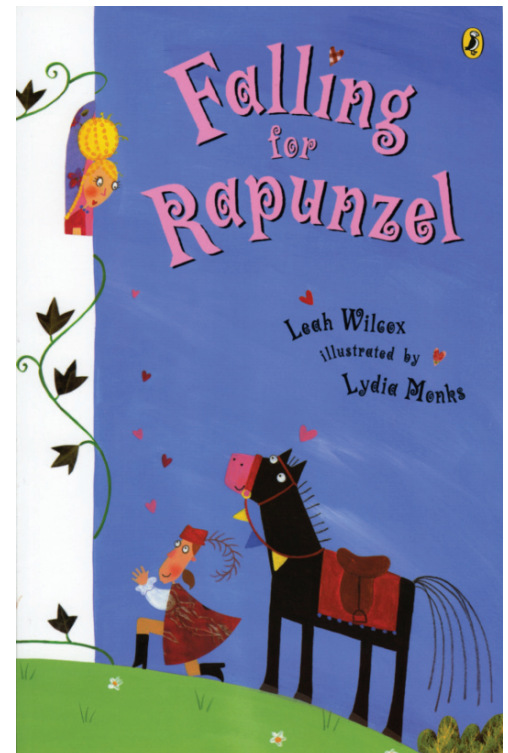
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