Italy

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Introducing Italy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLgcah7bpI4
Italy Cool Facts https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGoEdvtB-SI
Italy Song, Learn the Musical Way: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5MIBsZv19U
Geography Now, Italy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_KMyblvv4c
The Story of the Roman Empire: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9bcohqsTGk
10 Top things to do in Rome: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyz9pBv1bHc
Venice, City of Dreams: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxhKZGcPxkc
History of the Venetian Gondola: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5x5CnwQZD4
Florence and the Renaissance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tecocKSclwc
Leaning Tower of Pisa for Kids: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zzO1pmjUYM
The Invincible Da Vinci: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TBZqm1d5qI
Michelangelo, Artrageous: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihlqGCfD5_g
Christopher Columbus for Kids: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmRFcXrWKCY
Carnevale Festivities: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cAx1BRD1QAq
Carnevale Mask Making Process: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w8OJ-4DqM4A
The Birthplace of Pinocchio: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAkdyYaTzci
Pompeii Volcano Eruption: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIZ4aSKT3mo
Inside Italy’s Marble Mountains: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_PcOPVYy7EQ
Websites:
Overview of Italy https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy
Italian Culture, Tradition: http://www.livescience.com/44376-italian-culture.html
The Lakes of Northern Italy: https://www.tripsavvy.com/italy-lake-region-maps-4086367
The Island of Sicily: http://www.italia.it/en/discover-italy/sicily.html
Ode to the Sicilian Cart: http://slowitaly.yourguidetoitaly.com/2013/03/sicilian-cart-carretto-siciliano/
Music of Italy: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_of_Italy
Italian Fashion: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_fashion
Traditional Italian Board Games: https://www.visititaly.eu/history-and-traditions/how-to-have-fun-in-the-family-some-traditional-italian-board-games
Strange Games & Ball Sports in Italy: https://www.artviva.com/italian-traditions-strange-games-ball-sports-in-italy/#:~:text=A
16 Most Iconic Foods to Eat in Italy: https://www.walksofitaly.com/blog/food-and-wine/the-16-most-iconic-foods-to-eat-in-italy
Best Italian Cars: https://www.evo.co.uk/supercars/203386/best-italian-cars-italys-10-greatest-automotive-hits

Lesson Plans:
Italy, Enchanted Learning: http://www.enchantedlearning.com/europe/italy/
Italy, Elementary Lessons: https://www.pinterest.com/grateful4us/italy-lesson-plans/
Italy: https://study.com/academy/lesson/italy-lesson-plan-for-elementary-school.html
Venice, Lesson Planet: https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/venice/all
Michelangelo for Kids: https://kids.kiddle.co/Michelangelo
Music of Italy: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:music%20of%20italy
### Children’s Books:

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<tr>
<th>Title: This is Rome</th>
<th>Author: Miroslav Sasek</th>
<th>Age Range: 3 and up</th>
<th>Publisher: Universe</th>
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<td>ISBN-10: 0789315491</td>
<td>Summary: These charming illustrations, coupled with Sasek's witty, playful narrative, make for a perfect souvenir that will delight both children and their parents, many of whom will remember the series from their own childhoods. <em>This is Rome</em> traces the history of Roman civilization to bring to life the Rome of the 60's. Sasek navigates Rome’s busy, winding streets to visit such glorious historical landmarks as the statues of Michelangelo, Vatican City, the Pantheon, and the Fontana di Trevi.</td>
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<th>Title: Zoe Sophia's Scrapbook - An Adventure in Venice</th>
<th>Author: Claudia Mauner</th>
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<th>Title: The Authentic Story of Pinocchio of Tuscany</th>
<th>Author: Carlo Collodi</th>
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<td>ISBN-10: 0961082070</td>
<td>Summary: The book was created in Tuscany from the original text which follows the newly released Italian film of Pinocchio. Pinocchio is a story for adults as well, about how to resolve the conflict between contradictory passions: to be a free spirit pulled by unbridled pleasures and fantasies or to become the ideal of a responsible, caring human. Pinocchio is still the most widely published book in the world after the Bible.</td>
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Title: Gabriella’s Song  
Author: Candace Fleming  
Age Range: 4 - 8 years  
Grade Level: Preschool - 3  
Lexile Measure: 400L  (What's this?)  
Series: Aladdin Picture Books  
Paperback: 40 pages  
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers  
ISBN-10: 0689841752  
Summary: In the streets and canals of Venice, Gabriella can hear nothing but sweet music. The drying laundry goes slap-slap, the church bells go ting-a-ling-ling, and the lire go jing-a-ling-ling. Soon, Gabriella is humming her way through town -- and everyone hears her song! Some find it sad, others smile when they hear it -- but none can forget the beautiful melody. Before long, a struggling composer is inspired by Gabriella's song -- and a beautiful symphony is born.

Title: Toto In Italy-A first Taste of Italy and the Italian Language  
Author: Biddy Stevens  
Age Range: 9 and up  
Publisher: Passport Books  
ISBN-10: 0844292893  
Summary: While visiting Rome, Toto befriends a lost cat who joins the sightseeing tour and causes a commotion before being reunited with his owner. Features some basic Italian words in the text and on lining papers.

Title: All the Way to America-The Story of A Big Italian Family and a Little Shovel  
Author: Dan Yaccarino  
Age Range: 5 - 9 years  
Publisher: Dragonfly Books  
ISBN-10: 0375859209  
Summary: Dan Yaccarino’s great-grandfather arrived at Ellis Island with a small shovel and his parents’ good advice: “Work hard, but remember to enjoy life, and never forget your family.” With simple text and warm, colorful illustrations, Yaccarino recounts how the little shovel was passed down through four generations of this Italian-American family—along with the good advice.
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<td>The Legend of Befana</td>
<td>Tomie de Paola</td>
<td>6 - 10 years</td>
<td>HMH Books for Young Readers;</td>
<td>0152438173</td>
<td>This is a delightful reading of the favorite Italian Christmas story about an eccentric old woman and her never-ending search for the Baby King.</td>
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<td>Strega Nona</td>
<td>Tomie dePaola</td>
<td>3 - 8 years</td>
<td>Little Simon; Book and CD edition</td>
<td>1442433558</td>
<td>Strega Nona -- &quot;Grandma Witch&quot; -- is the source for potions, cures, magic, and comfort in her Calabrian town. Her magical ever full pasta pot is especially intriguing to hungry Big Anthony. He is supposed to look after her house and tend her garden but one day, when she goes over the mountain to visit Strega Amelia, Big Anthony recites the magic verse over the pasta pot, with disastrous results.</td>
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<td>Tony's Bread</td>
<td>Tomie dePaola</td>
<td>4 - 8 years</td>
<td>Puffin Books</td>
<td>0698113713</td>
<td>Tony dreams that one day he'll become the most famous baker in northern Italy. His poor daughter Serafina wants to be allowed to marry. Each of their dreams seems far away until Angelo, a rich young nobleman from Milan, appears and devises a way to make everyone's dreams come true. Full color.</td>
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**Title:** Caterina’s Journey-An Italian-American Immigration Story  
**Author:** Maryann Pisano  
**Publisher:** My Three Sisters Publishing  
**ISBN-10:** 0615984096  
**Summary:** Caterina Tolitano and her family have decided to immigrate to America from Calabria, Italy. Caterina's father, Antonio, has heard that America is the land of opportunity and the streets are paved with gold! Caterina leaves her beautiful town on a voyage to America. In America, life doesn't get easier... but Caterina is up for the challenge!

**Title:** Papa Gatto: An Italian Fairy Tale  
**Author:** Ruth Sanderson  
**Age Range:** 4 and up  
**Publisher:** Little Brown and Company  
**ISBN-10:** 0316770736  
**Summary:** Seeking someone to care for his motherless kittens, Sir Gatto, advisor to the Prince, hires a beautiful, but lazy girl, and then her plain, but loving stepsister.