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Yatsu – Kamishibai for Kids

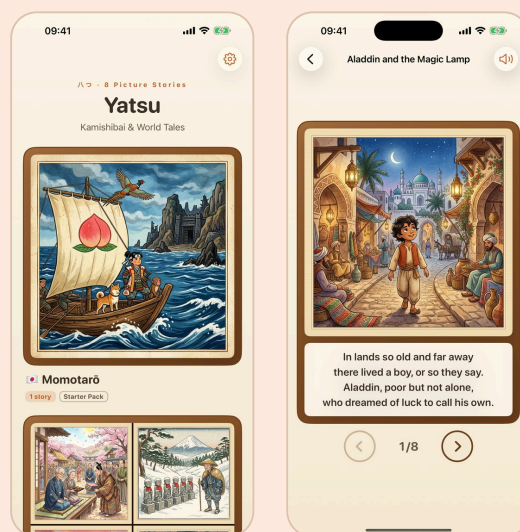
21 tales from around the world, every verse rhymes – to read aloud at circle time on the TV, or as a bedtime story at home.

»Yatsu« (八つ) is Japanese for »eight things« – the heart of this paper theatre: every story from around the world is told across exactly eight beautifully crafted picture cards and rhyming verses.

The idea comes from traditional kamishibai: Japanese storytellers once travelled from village to village with a wooden stage mounted on a bicycle, sliding picture cards through to tell stories card by card.

At a glance

Stories	21 folk tales and legends from Japan, China, Arabia, India and the Brothers Grimm – 168 illustrated picture cards
In rhyme	Usually four rhyming lines for every picture card
Languages	English, German, Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese
Read aloud	Narration in all six languages, about half an hour per language – or silent for reading yourself
On the TV	Via AirPlay, Chromecast or HDMI the TV shows only the picture card; the verse stays with the storyteller
Apple Watch	A remote – the Digital Crown turns to the next card
Safe for kids	No ads, no data collected, parental gate before purchases, works offline
Price	Momotarō free; five story packs at \$1.99 / 1.99 € each, bundles from \$2.99; no subscription
Platforms	iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, Android, Amazon Fire
Age rating	App Store 4+, USK 0 (Germany)
Made by	Dirk Püschel, Berlin – a one-person project, no investors



The 21 stories

Momotarō **free**

- Momotarō, the Peach Boy

Japanese Legends

- The Old Man and the Straw Hats
- The Mouse Wedding
- The Grateful Crane
- The Man Who Makes Flowers Bloom

Tales from Germany

- The Bremen Town Musicians
- Mother Holle
- Hansel and Gretel
- Little Red Riding Hood

Chinese Legends

- The Monkey King Sun Wukong
- Nian, the New Year Monster
- Chang'e, the Lady in the Moon
- Hua Mulan

Arabian Tales

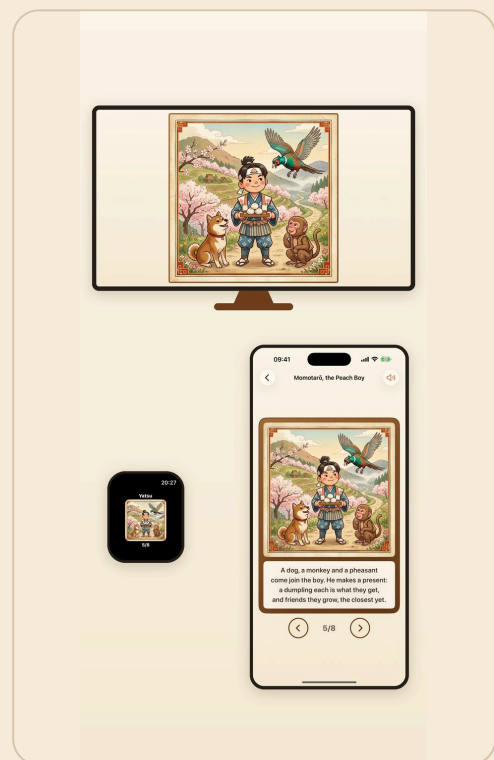
- Aladdin and the Magic Lamp
- Sindbad the Sailor
- The Fisherman and the Jinni
- Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves

Indian Fables

- The Talkative Tortoise
- The Monkey and the Crocodile
- The Lion and the Clever Hare
- The Blue Jackal

The paper theatre for circle time

The TV or projector shows only the picture card, large enough for everyone. The verse stays on the storyteller's phone or tablet – like a wooden butai, where the text is on the back of the card. The rhymes build a feel for language, and after a few cards the children join in.



Links

yatsu.md4.org: yatsu.md4.org/?lang=en
App Store: apps.apple.com/app/id6797320482
Google Play: play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.md4.kamishibai
Amazon Appstore: www.amazon.com/dp/B0HJGZ63MN

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