



READING TIPS FOR SHARING BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD

"The Little Engine That Could"

Here are some ways to get the most out of reading "The Little Engine That Could" and other books with your child:

- Follow your child's lead. If your baby is staring at an object or picture, talk about it. Say, "What do you see? Is that a bear? It's a brown, furry bear." (infant)
- Ask your child to point to and name pictures. Ask, "Where is the clown?" or "What animal is this?" (toddler)
- Ask questions about the story. "How do you think the Little Engine feels as she goes up the mountain?" Pause and wait for your child to answer. (preschooler)
- Use the pictures to teach new words. Say, "See the railroad track? A track is a road for a train." (all ages)

Here is a way you can extend your child's learning "on the go":

- Choose a word or phrase from the books you've read and use it throughout the day. As you push the stroller up the hill, say, "I think I can, I think I can."

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