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Activity Sheet



Bark, George By Jules Feiffer

Enthusiastic puppy George wants to meow and quack and oink, and that would be fine — except that he's a dog!

Before you read this book: Gather together stuffed animals that make the sounds George makes in the book. Talk with the children about which noise each animal makes.

While you read this book: As George makes the noise of a particular animal, hold up the animal and have the children make that noise as you read the page.

Reading tip: Draw your child's attention to the way writing works. When looking at a book together, point out how one reads from left to right and that words are separated by spaces.

After you read this book: Have the students make hand puppets that look like George the puppy. What you'll need: brown paper lunch bags, brown and red construction paper, safety scissors, markers and stick glue.

First have the children trace dog ears on the brown construction paper. Then trace a tongue on the red construction paper. Cut out the ears and the tongue. Then have the children draw eyes and a nose on the top part of the paper bag. Help them glue the ears onto the sides of the bag and the tongue inside the mouth.

When all the children are finished, have them sit down together. Reread the book. This time let the children make the animal noises with their puppets as you read!

Or the children could each make dog-ear headbands. Cut out the dog ears and staple them to a piece of construction paper long enough to fit around each child's head.



Try this at home! Reread the book at home with your child. Have your child pay special attention to the emotions of the mother (frustrated, mad, sad, happy, surprised, etc.). Ask your child how they think the mother dog is feeling as you read each page. Ask them how they feel when they have those emotions and how they deal with them.

Extend the fun with more stories about mothers and their children: *"Oh My Baby, Little One"* by Kathi Appelt, illustrated by Jane Dyer; *"Is your Mama a Llama?"* by Deborah Guarino, illustrated by Steven Kellogg; *"Love You Forever"* by Robert N. Munsch, illustrated by Shelia McGraw; *"When You Grow Up"* by Lennie Goodings, illustrated by Jenny Jones

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