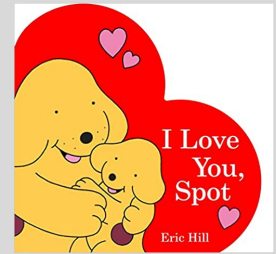




I Love You, Spot

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own. To help make story time more interactive consider using the PEER method described below. Read more about the PEER method [here](#).

PEER

PROMPT

Prompt your child with a question. This will help your child engage more deeply with the book.

Example: Point to an object in the picture. "What is that?"

EVALUATE

Evaluate your child's response by agreeing or clarifying.

Example: "That's right! That's a balloon."

EXPAND

Expand on your child's response by connecting it to something they have experienced or by being more descriptive.

Example: "That's a big, red balloon! We saw one of those yesterday."

REPEAT

Repeat the prompt you started with and encourage your child to use what you've discussed to answer again.

Activities

- » Before Reading: Look at the front cover of the book. Ask your child what they see. Point to the objects on the front cover as you name them. For example, point to the dog and say, "dog."
- » During Reading: Point to different colors in the book and share the name of the colors with your child. Encourage them to repeat the color words.
- » Snack Time: Allow your child to make choices at snack time by providing them more than one option. Once they have made a selection, allow them to help you prepare the snack before you sit down and enjoy it together.
- » Collaboration Creation: Identify the materials that Spot uses in the story. Work with your child to help them create something using those same materials.

