

Activity Sheet



"Biscuit Plays Ball"

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Biscuit, the lovable yellow puppy, goes to a ball game with his owner. Even though dogs are not supposed to play in the game, Biscuit is determined to join the fun. As he watches the players and chases after balls, his excitement leads to a few playful adventures. Themes around this story include enthusiasm for play, inclusion, and manners.

Before you read this book:

Ask and discuss the following questions with the child: "Just by looking at the cover, what do you think Biscuit will do with the ball?" "What activities do you like to do outside?" "If you could have any kind of pet in the world, what would it be? Why?"

While you read this book:

As you read the book, count how many times Biscuit barks on each page. Talk about how Biscuit is feeling after the little girl talks to him (sad, lonely, patient, eager, etc.) and ask the child to share how they would feel. Ask them to identify Biscuit's manners. Ask what places they think Biscuit might go. Discuss how important it is to be a good listener and to have patience with others, even animals.

After you read this book:

- Ask the child to share a time when someone included them and how it made them feel.
- Ask the child to share a time they included someone else and how it made them feel.
- Talk about what skills we need to teach others something new
- Talk about how they would feel if someone broke one of their toys and how it would feel if they broke someone else's.

Try this at home:

- Pretend to be Biscuit! Toss an imaginary ball, catch it, and run in place for 10 seconds.
- Toss a ball together. Count how many catches you can make in a row.
- List and count the number of different kinds of balls there are.
- Draw different types of dogs (breeds, sizes, shapes, colors).

Additional Inclusion Resources:

"The Big Umbrella" by Amy June Bates

"Everyone Fits in the Fort" by Emma Willow