

Beyond the Book...



Title: Kisses for Mommy

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Summary: Actual photographs of children with their mommies and grandmommies in various poses of hugs and kisses.



Before Reading...

- Take a picture walk through the book (turn the pages and talk about the pictures). Ask questions like “What are they doing together? Do they look happy or sad? Do you think the baby likes to give kisses?” As you ask these questions, you will be answering your own questions for your baby. This is a great way to talk with your baby and allow them to hear the sounds of language.

During Reading...

- Kiss and hug your baby. Ask the question “Can you give kisses?” (Give your baby kisses after you ask the question.) Say “Can mommy/daddy give you kisses?” (Again, kiss your baby!) Encourage your child to “give kisses” with you.
- Continue to talk about each baby as you read each page, pointing out different things to your baby about what you see on each page.

After Reading...

- Look at the page where the baby has food all over his/her face. Talk about yummy foods and messy foods. Use very descriptive words. You could sing the song “This is the way we eat our (grapes), eat our (grapes), eat our (grapes), this is the way we eat our (grapes), so early in the evening.
- ”You can point our the child’s body parts (nose, eyes, hands, hair, etc.) and sing “Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes, Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes, Eyes and ears and mouth and nose, Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

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