

ANIMAL KISSES

This fun “Touch and Feel” book asks: Do you like scratchy cat kisses? Sticky dog kisses? Fuzzy bear kisses? Velvety cow kisses? Rubbery fish kisses? Squeaky pig kisses? What kind of kisses do you like best?

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Themes: Sensory appreciation
Print awareness

This book helps your child appreciate the sense of touch with its different types of “kisses.” Because the book has few words, it can also help very young children follow along and gain an appreciation for words and print.

What Is It?

Gather a variety of objects from your house or yard. You might collect things like a leaf, a dish scratcher, a smooth rock, a piece of a towel, etc. Show each item to your child one at a time, have your child hold and feel the item, and tell him or her what it is. Then, put the items into a bag that you cannot see through. Have your child reach into the bag without looking, select one item, and tell you what it is.

After you have gone through the items in the bag, make a card for each item with its name in big letters. Read each card, following the letters with your finger, while your child again holds the item. Ask him or her to repeat the name. With older children you might have them match the cards and items.