

# BIG BEAR – SMALL BEAR

The Berenstain Bears are always lots of fun! In this book Papa Bear and Brother Bear enter the exciting world of big and small!

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The Berenstain Bears are just like every other family.... only furrier! In our everyday lives, we see and use things that are opposite....Mom's shoes are big, your child's shoes are small. By reading this book with your child, you'll have the opportunity to talk about big and small and how much fun Papa and Brother Bear are having together. I always think it's important to have fun while you're reading. Developing a sense of humor is really important!!

After you've read the book, here's another fun way to continue talking about big and small. Round up an assortment of blocks, boxes or plastic containers in two different sizes. Ask your child if they can show you a big block? Where is a little block? See if your child can make a tower using all little blocks; then one using all the big blocks. If you don't have a set of blocks, try using different sized boxes or plastic containers (with lids) that will stack one on top of the other. Or make some blocks from milk cartons. At the end of the activity, see if your child can help put the blocks away by placing all of the big ones in one basket/box and all the little blocks in the other.

The next time you set the table, see if your child can tell you which plate or glass is the big one and which is the little one. You'll have fun and get help setting the table at the same time!