## **BIG DOG AND LITTLE DOG GOING FOR A WALK**

The sweet personalities, lasting friendship, and hilarious antics of Big Dog and Little Dog will delight young readers when they go on a walk with their owner and get into some trouble.

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Themes: Recognizing big and little Caring for pets

As you read this book about big and little, be sure to point out which dog is big and which is little. See if they can start to recognize the difference. This is a very simple story, with very simple pictures, told in very simple language: "Big Dog is going for a walk...Little Dog is going for a walk, too...Big Dog likes to play in the mud...." And there is the magic.

After you've read the book, talk about big and little. Put together some items that your child can identify as big and small....a small plastic container compared to a plastic gallon milk jug; a miniature marshmallow compared to a big marshmallow. You could also make a tower of different sized blocks, biggest on the bottom. If you don't have blocks, use different sized plastic containers (with lids) that will stack on top of each other. This makes them easy to recognize.

After you've read about the dogs in the story, you have the opportunity to talk about how dogs need exercise and baths, just like people and that they need someone to care for them, too. Be sure to have a little chuckle over the fact that after the dogs are cleaned up, they're ready to go again!