CAILLOU WAITS FOR DINNER

Wait.....this is the word that's easier said than done!

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This book may seem to have lots of words in it, but there are a couple of different ways to read it with your child. If your child is under the age of two, you can start reading this book by just talking about the bright and colorful illustrations and what's happening as Caillou's family gets ready for dinner. Talk about the familiar things your child sees every day like milk, mommy and daddy, the table and chairs. At an early age, your child is learning allot just by listening to you talk about familiar items, colors and routines.

As your child gets a year or two older, you can read the words and point out the objects that are being talked about in the story like 'where is the chicken that Caillou's mommy is fixing?' and 'do we have a green sink in our bathroom ?' You're keeping your child's attention by having them interact with the story.

Patience....this is a skill that everyone needs to work on. When we're hungry, time seems to go so slowly. Depending on how old your child is, invite them to help put napkins on the table to get ready for the meal or give them a plastic bowl to mix up some dry ingredients like flour and salt together. That's easy to clean up and stirring is a great way to make the time go by. The best way to send the message that it's time to eat, is to head for the sink for a quick hand wash and dinner is served!