

# CLIFFORD BARKS

All babies, humans and pets alike, are curious creatures. Let's go for a walk with Clifford and see what he finds interesting!

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Themes: Object identification; handling responsibility

As you read this book about Clifford's puppy adventures, you have many opportunities to talk with your child about what's going on throughout the story...birds are flying, the postman is delivering mail, kids are riding bikes, etc.. Ask them if they see these things going on in their neighborhood. Does the mail get delivered to your house or to a mailbox at the end of the driveway? Do they have roller blades or roller skates and have they ever seen adults skating? Talking about what's going on throughout the story is a great way to creating conversation with your child as well as make them aware of what's going on around them.

In this story, Elizabeth has responsibilities to care for Clifford and shows that she is kind and respectful to her new pet. Along this theme, you can go on to talk with your child about how caring for a pet or being respectful to others around them (friends and family members) can be challenging but also fun and a part of growing up.