## **ELMO'S WORLD – OPPOSITES!**

Elmo's World! What a fun place to visit and learn interesting things!

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Up - down; yes – no. There are so many more "opposites" to be discovered. While reading this book to your child, be sure to demonstrate some of the combinations of words.

When talking about stop and go, you can walk fast while you say "go" and stop quickly when you say "stop". Let them play along and it will help them get familiar with what the word stop really means.

When you get to the combination of **LOUD** and *quiet*, say something loud enough so that they need to cover their ears and then follow up with a whisper. Be sure to talk about where the appropriate places are for their loud and soft voices (outdoors for **LOUD** and indoors for *quiet*).

Kids need to learn the meaning of words before they understand them. After you've gone through this book a few times and talked about what these words mean, the next time you ask your child to stop doing something that isn't appropriate or to be quiet when they're being noisy, it may register a little more quickly if you've had some fun learning what these words are all about.