

OTIS

What kind of pig doesn't like mud? This one! Otis is a little porker with a BIG problem. He's the only pig in the world who hates getting dirty. Will Otis *ever* find a friend?

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Sometimes children don't want to do an activity that everyone else is doing, and often they have a good reason for not wanting to do it. At times like this, they may be able to find something else to do.

Today you could suggest three or four play activities and let them make their own choice of what to do.

- dressing up for a pretend party;
- using paper and crayons for drawing a picture;
- looking through books;
- playing with trucks or cars.

There are many choices children can make each day—what to eat, where to sit, what to play or work with. They need practice in making these decisions, but they also need to learn that though we may give them choices with some things, with others we don't. There are some things we all have to do whether we like doing them or not.