PIGGIES

Instead of counting little Piggies in this book, we're getting acquainted with what "characters" these Piggies are. Imagination is the name of the game!

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Theme: Developing imagination

After reading this book with your child, your imaginations should all be in fine form. The Piggies in the book all had distinctive personalities (smart, long, cold, etc.). Use a mirror in your house and have your child act out some of the same characters as the Piggies. Facial expressions along with their body actions can make this game a fun guessing game for those playing along. Here are some different ways you and your child can show different expressions:

*Silly – Eyes wide open with a big smile...a little dancing.

*Long – Stand on tiptoes and reach up as high as you can.

*Hot – Wipe the sweat from your forehead. Pant a little.

*Cold – Lots of shivering and rubbing your arms.

*Dirty – Lots of pretend scrubbing with soap and movement like you're in the shower.

*Sleepy – Eyes drooping shut...a little snoring is always good.

Just remember that playing "pretend" with your child encourages them to develop their imagination and gives you some quality fun-time together.