

NEW PIG ON THE FARM

Heroic Babe visits the barn and takes us on an adventure as he unearths surprises at every turn. A hilarious mouse chorus comments joyfully on each new discovery in this lovely Lift-and-Peek-a-Board!

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10 Pages

Ages: 2-6

Themes: Facing new situations
Animal identification
Finger dexterity

This book gives you the opportunity to talk with your child about the challenges of facing new situations. Everyone feels a little anxious about meeting new people or being in new places so here's your chance to encourage your young person to talk about how they feel in a situation like this. You could bring out the ever-faithful sock puppet and do a little role playing. Pretend that the puppet is someone new at daycare. Ask your child how they would make him/her feel welcome. What could they do or say? You could begin by talking to the puppet yourself. You could say: 'What's your name?'; 'Are you new here?'; 'What are some of your favorite things to do or play with?'; 'Would you like to play with me?'. Then encourage the children to talk to the puppet – asking questions or telling it about their day. This is a great way to introduce your child to social skills that they'll be able to use and feel comfortable with for the rest of their lives.

As you're reading this book, you can have your little reader identify all of the animals on each page (the little creatures under the flaps, too). As they turn the thick pages and lift the flaps in this book it helps them to work on their finger dexterity. Don't be surprised if they seem more interested in turning pages than anything else for a while. By talking about the silly characters and what they're saying under the flaps, it helps them to develop their sense of humor, too.