

READ

Before Reading

Children need to have lots and lots of experiences with books before they can learn how to read. In fact, some experts believe that children need to have heard 1000 stories to learn all about how books work first.

Spend some time looking at the cover together. Talk about the title, what or who do you think Annie is going to rescue?

Read the blurb on the back of the book. Ask children to share times that they have been brave.

The more prior knowledge children have of the book before you begin to read it, the more they will understand and enjoy it.

After Reading

Annie to the Rescue is the sequel to the highly acclaimed *Annie's Chair*.

Deborah Niland is both an author and illustrator, some of her other books include:

- *The Tall Man and the Twelve Babies*
- *Chatterbox* (written by Margaret Wild)
- *When I Was A Baby*
- *The Hippo Series* (written by Hazel Edwards)

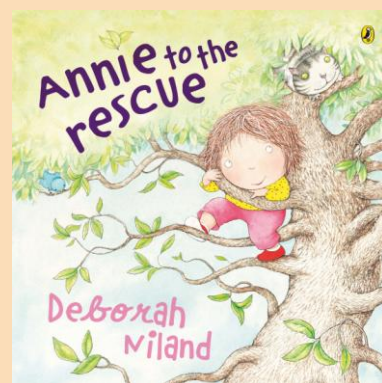
SING

There are many opposites introduced in the book:

- top and bottom
- up and down
- brave and scared

Introduce opposites when you are singing or playing with musical instruments. Try:

- loud and quiet
- fast and slow
- high and low
- start and stop



Annie to the Rescue
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SELF ESTEEM
Theme.

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PLAY

There are lots of easy ways to reinforce the themes of the book through playful experiences:

- Have a picnic outside like Annie and Benny.
- Take some books outside for a different reading experience
- Set up an obstacle course to encourage children's confidence.

Try and create your obstacle course so that it incorporates opposites like up and down, high and low and in and out.

Take photos of the children while they are on the obstacle course and use them to make your own opposites book.

CREATE

All About Me Book

Spending time together working on a project like is wonderful for children's self-esteem. When you spend one on one time with them they feel valued. Sharing the wonderful things that make them unique helps them feel special.

Help your child create a self portrait for the front cover.

Inside you could include things like:

- Favourite colour
- Favourite toy
- Favourite food
- How old they are

Use drawings, photos or cut outs from magazines to decorate your book.

Useful websites and links:

For printable activities:

www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au

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