

**Play is how children learn and grow.
You are your child’s first teacher and favourite toy.**

READ

Children like books about familiar things – families, food, animals and especially other children!

BEFORE READING:

Spend time talking about the cover of the book:

- Share the names of the author and illustrator.
- Explain what the author and illustrator do.
- Look at the special sticker on the book. This book won a prize for being such a special book.
- Talk about the picture. How do you think the little boy is feeling? When have you felt like that?

DURING READING:

This book will probably be enjoyed most if read all the way through without stopping. As there is not a lot of text it would be easy to lose the flow of the story.

Explain that you are going to read it from start to finish and you can talk about it after.

AFTER READING:

Spend time sharing and exploring the pages together.

What things can you do the same as the little boy?

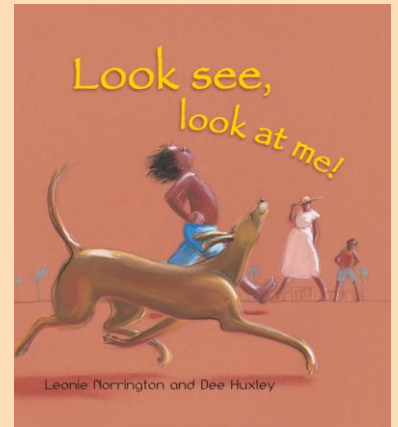
The pictures add a lot to the story so make time to look carefully at them and talk about what is happening.

SING

Celebrate all the clever things that children can do through songs:

*Everybody do this, do this, do this
Everybody do this just like me!*

All join in with an action with the child eg jumping, hopping etc



This book was featured in Jan 2012 as part of our **It's Play Time** Theme.

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PLAY

When you are having fun with your child you are helping develop a strong bond between the two of you.

Children that have a strong attachment with a loved one feel happy and confident.

Children don't need lots of expensive toys to have fun or to learn.

Try turning everyday routines into playful learning moments.

- Bath time is a great opportunity to learn about ideas like wet and dry, empty and full. Your kitchen is full of great instant bath toys. Plastic is best for babies; cups, bowls, ladles, jugs and funnels will provide hours of bath time fun.
- Collecting the mail provides many great opportunities to learn and play. When you walk to the letter box talk about the weather, what colour is the sky, is the wind blowing, and is the sun out? What surprises are in the letterbox today - count the envelopes, read the names and addresses and talk about the stamps.

CREATE

Make a colourful poster that celebrates all the wonderful things your child can do.

For easy instructions and free printable templates visit www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au for our Look see, look at me! Activity Time.

Useful websites and links:

For printable activities:

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