



My favorite CHARACTER IS...

WHAT DO YOU SEE ON THE COVER?

WHO CLEANS UP?

What WILL HAPPEN next?

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TALK  
READING  
SING  
TALKING IS TEACHING



## INFANTS:

Reading a book to your infant is a great chance to cuddle and bond, relax and sit comfortably with your baby on your lap. Point out pictures on the page and name what you are pointing to. You don't have to read every word! Sharing a book is an experience that helps your baby's brain to make important connections, laying the foundation for learning to read. Just because your baby is not talking, doesn't mean he isn't learning!

## TODDLERS:

The Cat In The Hat is a classic that many parents will have fond memories of! Sally and her brother have a visitor who brings an afternoon full of fun while their mother is out. Toddlers will love hearing the silly words and hearing about all of the antics that happen when the Cat in the Hat arrives. Thing One and Thing Two really shake things up and make a mess and the pictures are fun to look at and talk about with your toddler. Point to the words as you read them. This helps your toddler learn what words are and where the words you are saying come from. Sharing a book and laughing creates a positive experience for you and your toddler

## PRESCHOOLERS:

The Cat In The Hat is a wonderful rhyming book with lots of silly things for preschoolers to laugh about. Sally and her brother are not sure what to do when the cat begins his antics. Look for Sally and her brother on each page and talk with your preschooler about the looks of surprise and worry on their faces. Your child will love the funny rhymes and after reading many times will be able to predict the words. This is an important part of learning to read. The end of the book asks the important question, should they tell their mother? Ask your preschooler what she thinks of this and have a conversation about honesty. Your lap is still the best place for your preschooler to be and sharing a book is helping your child to become a reader!

