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## G IS FOR GOAT

PLAYFUL GOATS AND OTHER ADORABLE ANIMALS TEACH YOUR CHILD THE ALPHABET AND WORDS THAT START WITH LETTERS A-Z

### INFANTS:

- ★ Cuddle up with your baby in your lap. Make reading a special time to bond.
- ★ Point out pictures and say their names. You don't have to read every word!
- ★ Just because your baby isn't talking doesn't mean he's not learning. Reading out loud helps a baby's brain make important connections that lay the foundation for learning to read.

### TODDLERS:

- ★ Point to an object and say its name. Then point to the word. This helps your toddler make the connection between printed and spoken words.
- ★ Point to the letters and make their sound.
- ★ Toddlers love the sound of rhyming, which helps them guess which words come next.
- ★ Say what the animal is doing on each page and point to the word for the action. Make the sound the animal makes. Your child might imitate you!

ABOUT  
WORDS

### PRESCHOOLERS:

- ★ Let your preschooler hold the book and turn the pages. Take turns "reading" by pointing to an animal or letter and waiting for your child to say its name.
- ★ Ask questions about the story and help your child use pictures as clues to what is happening on each page.
- ★ As you come across new words, stop and explain what they mean.
- ★ Use new words from the book throughout the day. This repetition helps build vocabulary and connects words with their meaning.
- ★ The time you spend sharing books now will help prepare your child for kindergarten and become a better reader in later grades.

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EMOTIONS

Point out the silly things the goats do and laugh with your child about their antics.

When the goat says "no", talk about what would happen if the goat said "yes".

