

Beyond the Book...

Book Title: Only You/Solo Tu

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Summary: This is a bilingual book written in English and Spanish. In this book a small bear talks about the special things that his mother (or other special bear) does with him or her. The illustrations show the baby bear and mommy bear baking together, painting, playing, dancing to music, building with blocks, and sitting together and reading a book.



Before Reading...

- Before reading, introduce the vocabulary of the book. To narrow down the vocabulary words, select words that the child does not know. The introduction of the vocabulary is important because a child needs to know what a word means to comprehend the message of a book. Next, do a picture walk. A picture walk is looking at all of the pictures in the book without reading the book. While doing the picture walk, ask the child if he or she can predict what will happen in the story.

During Reading...

- Look at the illustrations as you read together. Ask your child to tell you what the little bear is doing on each page and with whom he is doing it. What does your child think the mommy bear and the baby bear are saying to each other?

After Reading...

- Let your child pick his/her favorite page and then do that activity with them (e.g., paint, build with blocks, dance to music, bake, etc.).
- Look at the page where mommy comes home. Talk about where mommy might have been (work, grocery, etc.) and how mommy comes home to be with her child. Relate this to times when you and your child have to be apart.

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