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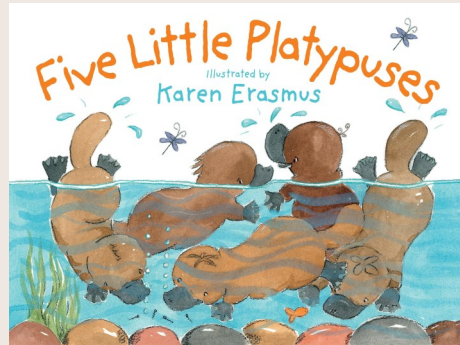
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Five Little Platypuses

Karen Erasmus

This book is a fun new way of telling the traditional song "five little ducks" about a mother and her children going out to explore the world. This time it's been given an Australian twist and is about a mother platypus and her five baby platypuses.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Look at the cover of the book. Make sure your baby can see the cover, show them the platypuses, water, rocks, etc.
- ▶ "Can you see platypuses playing and having fun in the water?" "How many are there? 1,2,3,4,5."

WHILE READING...



- ▶ Read the story right through and make the most of the wonderful rhyme on each page. Emphasise the words that rhyme by the way you use your voice and pause at these words, e.g. day and away.
- ▶ Many of the words are written in a wavy patterns. Trace your fingers over these words that match how the platypuses are moving "over the puddles" and "over the creek."

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Sing or play a recording of five little ducks. Help your baby join in the actions of going up and down the hill.
- ▶ You could tell your version of this story with some soft toys of any type. Show how the mother tries to keep her children together. How glad she is when they all come back!

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