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## Book Tip Sheet

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### *Dressing Your Family*

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Books about everyday things help young children learn words we use in everyday life. You can start off talking about the names of the clothes in the story and who is wearing them. Then talk about what people are wearing in your family.



#### BEFORE READING...

- ▶ Look at the cover and talk about what the little girl is wearing.
- ▶ Then look at what you and your child are wearing. Touch each thing your child is wearing and name it, for example "onesie", "socks", "nappy".



#### WHILE READING...

- ▶ Read the words then point to the person on the page and what they are wearing.
- ▶ Encourage your baby to point, touch, or handle the book as you read. Respond to any sounds they make even if they're not clear words—this is the beginning of communication and taking turns in conversation.



#### AFTER READING...

- ▶ See if you can find clothes in your house that are the same as in the book. Who do they belong to? Put some items out for your child to explore the different textures: "Dad's scarf", "Mum's shorts", "baby's hat".
- ▶ If your child fusses or wriggles lots while you're getting them dressed try giving them a soft toy to play with and talk about what clothes you're putting on them.



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