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A Beach For Us To Play

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This is a great simple book for your little ones. It has just a few words on each page; it is clear what the key picture is on the page as it is bigger and the words are written to make a rhyming pattern. This helps children follow and remember the story.



BEFORE READING...

- ▶ Look at the cover and note that "It must be a book about the beach."
- ▶ The cover shows us what we might see inside the book – a bucket, a crab, a fish, a kite, damper and a shell.
- ▶ Ask your child to "Point them out when you see them."



WHILE READING...

- ▶ Read all the way through the book first so you hear the rhyming patterns of the words. Then go back and look again.
- ▶ For each page act out what might happen. Be surprised when finding a shell. Fly a kite. Fill a bucket. Eat the hot damper. Splash in the water. Throw in a fishing line. Hold the crab so it doesn't nip you. Hold the fish as it wiggles.



AFTER READING...

- ▶ Talk about a trip you had to the beach or another special place.
- ▶ What did you see or find?
- ▶ Talk about it and then tell it as a story. "Our day at the Beach."
- ▶ You could even make it up in the same pattern as this story. "A head, a hat to keep off the sun." "A wave, a splash that knocked me over."



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