

Garden Stew

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Explore the book together in a calm and curious way

Say "Let's read a book!" as you show your child Garden Stew and sit down together. Allow your child to hold the book as you read the pages from left to right and allow them to turn each page as you go. Label the pictures and talk about and show any similar items that you may have close to you as you read.

Set up a game of "I spy" on each page talking about and showing the actions that the object pictures can do e.g...."I spy something that you use to stir (moving hand around)...Yes! It's a spoon!"

Notice the rhyming words and give your child a chance to complete rhymes

There are some great examples of rhyming words in this book e.g. do and stew, share and bear, pour and more. As you go through the book, pause at the end of sentences to encourage your child to complete the rhyme.

See if you can find all the words that rhyme with stew!



The power of teamwork

Notice the quokkas work together as a team to prepare and make the garden stew. Can you think of and list the ways that you and your child work together as a team? Point out the pronoun "I" when we are talking about ourselves, "you" when we are talking to another person and "we" when working together. The quokkas take turns by saying, "my turn" and "your turn".

Park stew!

Make like the quokkas and bring an old pot, blanket and a spoon with you the next time you and your child go to the park or play outside. Set up nature play to make some park stew! What can you include?



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