10 WAYS TO EXPLORE THIS BOOK

Pigs in the Mud in the Middle of the Mud
by Lynn Plourde, illustrated by John Schoenherr

1. **PLAN** a pretend trip. Where would you go?
2. **DRAW** or paint your favorite animal
3. **IMITATE** the sounds of each animal in the story
4. **SING** “Old McDonald Had a Farm” together
5. **ACT** out the story with toy animals around your house
6. **COUNT** the number of animals you see on each page
7. **MAKE** your own mud from dirt and water
8. **CREATE** barnyard animal masks out of paper plates and popsicle sticks
9. **BUILD** your own barnyard fort out of blankets, pillows or anything else you can find
10. **POINT** to the chorus “Oh, no. Won’t do. Gotta shoo. But who?” everytime it appears and have your child say it with you

FIVE WAYS TO DISCOVER ANY BOOK WITH A CHILD

1. **Talk about what the book makes you both think or feel.**
2. **Sing a song that is related to a character or something in the book.**
3. **Act out parts of the story.**
4. **Draw a picture of something that happened in the book.**
5. **Retell the story using the illustrations.**

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