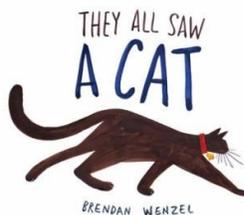
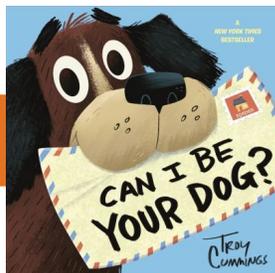


# TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



## tales' tip

When you read a book to your child, running your finger under the printed words helps her know that it is the text you are reading, not the pictures. Did you know that without our guidance, four-year-old children will give 95 percent of their attention to the pictures? ECRR2 Early Literacy Tip Cards

## activity

Take a trip to the pet store! Most kids love pets and are naturally curious about them. A trip to the pet store is the next best thing to going to the zoo. Take your time looking at the animals while talking about their habitats and how to care for each one. Which pet would make a good pet in your home?

## digital fun

Create a virtual pet that your child can take care of and enjoy adventures with using this [app](#) (My Boo: Virtual Pet Care Game).

## READ

Oh No, George! by Chris Haughton

If I Had a Raptor by George O'Connor

Charlotte and the Rock by Stephen W. Martin

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion

A Hop is Up by Kristy Dempsey

## PLAY

Make pet animal movement sticks. Write various animal movements on craft sticks (or slips of paper). For example – “fly like a bird,” “hop like a bunny,” “stretch like a cat,” etc. Put the sticks in a cup and take turns picking sticks. Act out the movement that is chosen.

## TALK

Talk with your child about the differences between pet animals and wild animals. What makes an animal good for being a pet vs. in the wild? Observe pets and wildlife, and note the differences.

## SING

**If You're a Pet and You Know It**

(Tune: *If You're Happy and You Know It*)

If you're a doggie and you know it, say woof, woof

If you're a doggie and you know it, say woof, woof

If you're a doggie and you know it, and you really want to show it

If you're a doggie and you know it, say woof, woof

Additional verses:

Kitty...meow

Fishy...blub

Hamster...run in place

Bird...tweet

## WRITE

Put bird seed in a tray. Have your child use their finger to write letters and numbers or draw their favorite pet in the bird seed.