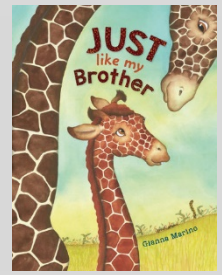




Just like my Brother

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Read Aloud Tips

Read aloud every day

Establish a routine

Turn off all screens

Get comfy

Take time to look at the pictures

Read in silly voices

Explain new words

Let kids move around if they need to

Ask questions

Answer questions

Activities

- » **Before Reading:** Take a picture walk through the book and discuss what your child thinks the book will be about. Try to make connections to your child's experience by asking "Have you ever seen that animal?"
- » **During Reading:** Discuss and explain new words. Stop occasionally to ask your child what might happen next or how Little Giraffe might be feeling.
- » **After Reading:** Discuss how family members are the same and different.
- » **Family Portrait:** Gather various art materials and have your child create a family portrait. As they are creating, encourage them to consider how each family member is the same and different (eye color, height, hair texture/color, etc.).
- » **Story Sequence:** Have your child draw or use print outs of the animals in the story to put them in the same order that they appeared in the book.
- » **Animal Acts:** Act like the different animals in the book and talk about how each animal made an observation about Little Giraffe.

