Stories that bring us closer

Read together at home

Watch Out for the Little Pigs!

A short guide to enjoy the book at home, made with love for parents and caregivers.



This book invites children to discover something very simple and very powerful: **almost anything can be asked for with a magic word**. With humor and tenderness, it turns the story of the three little pigs upside down — and this guide is for enjoying it together.

What this story gives us

Laughter
A story full of humor.

Kindness
Asking with "please".

Perseverance
Otto never gives up.

Empathy
Seeing another point of view.

Sharing
Cooking and sharing together.

Before reading. Find a calm, cozy moment. This story is even more fun when you sing it: don't be afraid to get louder with each house. There's nothing to prepare — just be there together.

Questions to talk about after reading

AGES 3 TO 5

For the youngest

- What is the wolf's name?
- What does Otto like to do?
- How did he feel when his houses blew away?
- What is the magic word?

AGES 5 TO 7

For older children

- Why did the little pigs blow instead of asking?
- Did Otto give up?
- Was the wolf the bad guy? Why?
- What happened when they said "please"?

AS A FAMILY

To talk about together

- How do we ask for things at home?
- What do we do when something doesn't work out?
- Who finds it hard to ask for help?
- What cookies would we bake together?

Activities to do together at home

1 Let's draw Otto

- Each family member draws how they imagine Otto.
- Compare the drawings: how are they alike? How are they different?
- Tell each other why you drew him that way.

15 MINUTES PAPER AND COLORS

2 Magic word week

- For one week, ask for everything with "please" and say "thank you".
- Keep a tally of how many times you did it.
- At the end, celebrate together.

ALL WEEK NO MATERIALS

3 Let's bake cookies

- Make heart and star cookies, like Otto's.
- Share out the tasks, kindly asking for turns.
- Share them with someone you love.

WITH AN ADULT COOKIE INGREDIENTS

4 Sing it louder and louder

- Read and sing the book's song together.
- Get louder with each house: softly, louder, and with all your might.
- Let your child fill in the word that changes.

10 MINUTES JUST YOUR VOICE

Mini glossary — to talk about at home —

Please — The words we use to ask for something kindly, instead of just taking it.

Kindness — Treating others with warmth and good manners, even when they are different.

Resilience — Keep trying after something hard, without giving up — like Otto.

Forgiveness — Letting go of anger and giving someone a new chance.

— thank you for reading with them —

The most important books are the ones we read together.

If this book started a conversation in your family, we'd love to hear about it. Share your story with us.

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