

Activity Sheet



"A Cat and a Dog"

by Claire Masurel, illustrated by Bob Kolar

A cat and a dog living in the same house fight about everything. Then, Dog's ball gets stuck in a tree. Cat's stuffed mouse falls into the pond. Dog can't climb. Cat can't swim. What are they to do?

Before you read this book: Talk about dogs and cats; how they are similar, different? Practice the sounds each makes. What does each animal like to play, eat, do?

While you read this book:

1. After the first few pages, ask the children about cat and dog's problem.
2. Ask the children to talk about the problem. Encourage them to share solutions.
3. Finish the story and ask the children to talk about how Cat and Dog solved their problem.

After you read this book: Make construction paper dog and cat ears: Cut a strip for a headband (measuring around each child's head). Cut floppy dog ears and staple them to the headband hanging down. Cut triangles and staple them pointing up for the cat.

Talk about how arguments happen and what we can do about them. Look through the book to find where Cat and Dog could share or take turns and at the end where they are friends.

At home ideas: Make a kindness tree. Each day, ask your child about ways they have been kind or helpful to others or ways that others have been kind to them. Write each example on a paper flower and tape it to the tree. Read more books about making friends, helpfulness, solving problems and appreciating differences:

- "Knuffle Bunny Too" by Mo Williams
- "Duck and Goose" by Tad Hills
- "My Friend Bear" by Jez Alborough
- "Dogs and Cats" by Steve Jenkins
- "I am the Dog, I am the Cat" by Donald Hall