

# Activity Sheet



## ***Lola Reads to Leo*** by Anna McQuinn

Lola has a new baby brother and she can't wait to share her love of reading with him. Lola gets ready for little Leo's arrival by reading books about brothers and sisters and picking out the perfect stories that she just knows her little brother will love.

**Before you read this book:** Talk about how having siblings or friends can be a great thing — someone to play with, to tell stories to and to be with when you're scared. Then talk about how having siblings or friends can be difficult — taking turns, sharing and not getting all the attention. "Let's see how Lola handles having a new little brother."

**While you read this book:** Point out all the ways that Lola is being a helper.

**After you read this book:** Play Mister Rogers' game, "A Peaceful Solution." Break the kids up into groups of four or five. Do the following for each group: Tie pieces of string onto clothespins (one for each child), and put the clothespins inside a milk jug with only the strings hanging out. Can the children pull out the clothespins? What happens if they all try to pull at the same time? Can they think of a way to get all the clothespins out again? Can they do it more easily by working together and taking turns?

**Try this at home:** Have your child bring you their favorite book. Sit them down with you and a younger sibling, a pet or a favorite stuffed animal. Have the child "read" the story. They don't have to get all the words right or turn the pages at the right time, just give them the opportunity to practice reading to someone else. Often kids know their favorite story by heart from hearing you read it again and again. If not, they can make up a story to go with the pictures.

Check out *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* on PBS KIDS for more ideas on helping your child learn to compromise, cooperate and work through differences in feelings and styles.

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