



Just Me And My Puppy

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In this story, little critter decides to get a puppy for himself and although he has a lot of fun he quickly sees the responsibility and attention he will need to give!

Before:

Begin story time by introducing *Just Me and My Puppy*. Tell the children a little bit about the book and ask some questions about the cover to bring their attention to the story. Creating a question with “I wonder” is a good way to do so. Ex. “Little Critter looks like he is all tangled up in his puppy’s leash. I wonder what happened for him to get all wrapped up?”

During:

While reading take the time to observe the illustrations and ask questions. Talk about all the different things that Little Critter has to do to take care of his new puppy. Point out “rare words” and define them for the children.

Rare Words in *Just Me And My Puppy*

Leash: a strap or cord used to guide or restrain a dog or other animal

Heel: command; to follow closely behind the owner

Practice: repeated exercise or performance of an activity

Fetch: to go for something and then bring it back

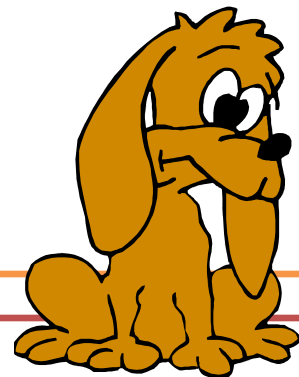
Guard: to watch over in order to protect or control

Company: being with others in a way that provides enjoyment and friendship

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What did Little Critter trade in order to have his own puppy?
- What was the first thing Little Critter did with his new puppy?
- What did Little Critter’s parents say about him keeping the dog?
- When does Little Critter feed his puppy?



Let’s Talk About *Just Me and My Puppy*

In this story, Little Critter learns how much work it is to take care of your own puppy. Do you have your own pet? What is the name of your pet? If you don’t have one, what kind of pet would you like to have one day? What kind of responsibilities go along with having your own pet?

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How to draw a Dog

Step 1: Draw a stick man



Step 2: The man decides to walk a block



Step 3: The man decides to walk another block



Step 4: He gets hungry so he makes some egg



Step 5: He is still hungry so he makes some bacon and sausage



Step 6: Your dog is done so feel free to make him or her fancy!



B-I-N-G-O !

There was a farmer had a dog,

And Bingo was his name-O!

B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O, B-I-N-G-O

And Bingo was his name-O!

Sing the song the first time through, then on the second time replace the B in BINGO with a clap. The third time, both the B and I are clapped instead of sung; the fourth time B, I and N; the fifth time B, I, N and G and the last time, all the letters BINGO are clapped rather than sung

What's inside the kit

- Colour Match Dog Felt Pieces
- *Five Little Puppy Dogs* Finger Play
- Pet Concentration Game
- Small Mammal Match Up
- Pet Picture Match
- Counting 1-10
- Alphabet Match (upper case)
- Shape Match
- Needs & Wants Diagram

