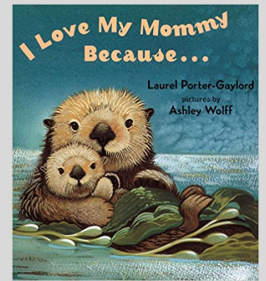




# I Love My Mommy Because

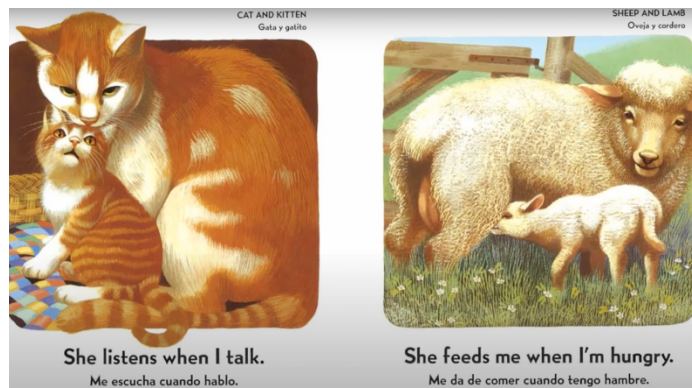
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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Conversations will help increase your child's oral language skills and build their vocabulary. C.A.R. is a conversation starter that you can use with your child any time.

Below is an example of how to use C.A.R. with the book, *I LOVE MY MOMMY BECAUSE*.



C.A.R.	Example
<p><b>C</b> <b>Comment and Wait</b> (count to 5) *Make a comment about what you see on the page.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> It looks like the kitten loves her Mommy cat. <i>Child:</i> Cat! (Child might point to the cat or kitten.)</p>
<p><b>A</b> <b>Ask questions and Wait</b> (count to 5) *Ask questions that do not have a "yes/no" or one-word answer to them.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Do you see another animal? <i>Child:</i> Child may point to the sheep.</p>
<p><b>R</b> <b>Respond</b> by adding a little more to the child's response.</p>	<p><i>Adult:</i> Yes, that is a sheep and her baby lamb (point to the sheep and the lamb).</p>

## Activities

- » Mommy and Me: Ask your child to illustrate a picture of their mom, or other grownup, and themselves, doing something that one of the animals in the book are doing.
- » Sound it Out: Show your child the various animals throughout the story. Ask your child to make the sound that the animal you are looking at makes.



