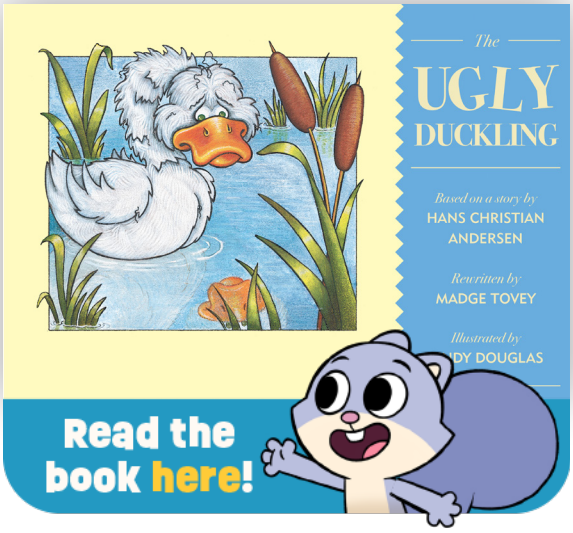
Reading Together

The Ugly Duckling

Use these simple activities to have fun reading together!

Discuss the Story's Characters

Reread page 9 of the story with your child. Talk about how the farm animals treat the ugly duckling when they first meet him. Discuss how they tease him based on how he looks. Ask your child how the ugly duckling feels when he is treated this way. Finally, talk about why it is hurtful to tease others because of how they look.



Retell Parts of a Story

Reread pages 9 and 10 of the story. Tell your child you are going to take turns retelling the story. This time, though, the farm animals will be kind to the ugly duckling. Take turns acting as the different animals and saying kind words to the ugly duckling. Then talk about how this treatment would make the ugly duckling feel.

Understand the Story's Lesson

Reread page 22. Ask your child if the ugly duckling plans to treat others the way he was treated. Why? Then, talk about the story's message: "Plain feathers can hide a noble heart." Explain that a noble heart is a kind heart. It is a heart that cares about others. Ask your child how the ugly duckling shows that he has a noble heart. Finally, ask your child what they can do to show they have a noble heart.

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