



BOOK TITLE: The Spiffiest Giant in Town
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: George the Giant went from being the sloppiest giant in town to the spiffiest just by buying a nice suit. On his way home, he gave most of his clothing away to animals in need of his clothing for warmth (tie as a scarf), a sail (shirt), and a bed (sock). After feeling cold because he gave all his clothes away, he found his old gown and sandals. Although no longer “spiffy,” he was given a crown and a thank you card from the animals calling him the “nicest giant in town.”

***BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

Try questions such as these:

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| 1. “What do you think <i>spiffy</i> means?” Help them come up with ideas. | what animals do you see? What’s happening?” |
| 2. “Looking at the front and back covers, | 3. Compare the size of the animals. How big would a giant be? |

DURING READING (ask these questions):

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| 1. Point out what the giant is wearing and how his clothing changes throughout the story. | 3. As you come to a new animal in the book, help your children identify it. |
| 2. Ask the children to point out when George is happy, when he is sad. When are the animals happy and sad? | 4. Help your children notice the weather, the colors, what else is happening in the pictures? |
| | 5. Try singing George’s song! Make up a tune. |

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

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| 1. Go back through the book: can your children make the sound of the animals? | look spiffy again?” |
| 2. Ask: “Do you think George will want to | 3. Talk about being generous, what it means. |

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