**Book Title:** Little Pink Pup  
**Author:** Johanna Kerby

**Summary of Book:** This book tells the true story of a piglet (Pink) raised by a dachshund (Tink). There are color photos of the piglet and his adoptive dog family. Young children will be attracted to the images of the animals.

**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):

1. Look at the cover and talk about the title: “Which animal looks different from the others?”
2. Talk about the similarities/differences between pigs and puppies. What can your child notice?
3. Look at the paw prints on the title page and talk about the different footprints animals make.
4. Go through the book only looking at the pictures. What does your child think is going to happen in the story?

**During Reading:** (ask these questions)

1. As you read, ask your child what emotions the animals might be feeling.
2. What does Tink do to take care of Pink? How do the other pups welcome him?
3. What are the things Pink does like a dog and what are the things he does like a pig? (food, bed) How/where does your child do those things?
4. Read the letter at the end: see how big Pink has grown! Talk about how big pigs grow and how little dachshunds are.

**After Reading** (activity to extend book experience):

1. If you know of any adoptive animals, talk about how they came to be there, how it has worked out.
2. Make up other adoptive pairs: what if a dog adopted a bird? a bear? a baby? You can get outlandish with your examples!
3. Talk to your child about this being a true story, not an imaginary one. Does he like it more because of that?

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