



BOOK TITLE: Pouch!
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: A baby kangaroo named Joey finds safety in his mama's pouch, but he has the urge to explore the world. Every time he finds something new and startling, he retreats back to his mama's pouch. In the end, he finds a friend exactly like himself and they hop off to explore the world around them together.

***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):

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| 1. Look at the cover and talk about the title, about how baby kangaroos live in their mother's pouch. | 2. Look through the book, finding the other animals with your child. Note how they reappear in later pictures, too. |
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DURING READING: (ask these questions)

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| 1. Try reading with expressions for Joey: eager for "I want to hop," curious for "Who are you?" and frightened for "Pouch!" | 3. "When does Joey look happy? When is he scared?" |
| 2. Talk about being afraid of things you don't know, about wanting a safe place. "What do you do when you're afraid?" | 4. Can your child try hopping just like Joey? Try counting the hops that Joey does. |
| | 5. "What do Joey and his new friend find so funny?" |

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

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| 1. This YouTube video is a song about kangaroos, hopping, and Joey:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=y6pJZxzGc_0 | 3. Explore the outdoors with your child, maybe finding the animals in the book and remembering Joey's reaction. When you find new creatures, talk about ways to feel comfortable with them. |
| 2. Talk about feeling scared and think about suggestions on what to do when your child feels scared. | 4. Try a counting activity, perhaps with hopping or other movement. |

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