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

DURING READING (ask these questions):

1. Point out what the giant is wearing and how his clothing changes throughout the story.
2. Ask the children to point out when George is happy, when he is sad. When are the animals happy and sad?
3. As you come to a new animal in the book, help your children identify it.
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):

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

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