



**BOOK TITLE:** **Where's My T•R•U•C•K?**  
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**SUMMARY OF BOOK:** Tommy can't find his favorite red truck and searches everywhere for it. His family offers substitutes, but Tommy wants his truck!

**\*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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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Look at the cover and talk about what you see: "What do you think this story will be about?"</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Take a picture walk through the book: "Where is Tommy looking now? What's happening?"</li> <li>3. "What's your favorite toy? Where would you look if you couldn't find it?"</li> </ol> |
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**DURING READING** (ask these questions):

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The pictures are very rich with lots of detail. Ask your child to describe what's going on, what he sees – toys, colors, shapes.</li> <li>2. The faces in the pictures show lots of emotion. "What is he feeling here? How can you tell?"</li> <li>3. Relate to your child's experience: "Have you ever lost something that you</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>really loved? How did you feel? Where did you look for it?"</li> <li>4. "Where do you think Tommy should look next?"</li> <li>5. In each picture: "What are the cat and dog up to?"</li> <li>6. Pay attention to the rhyme. Try pausing before the second rhyming word to have your child anticipate and say it.</li> </ol> |
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**AFTER READING** (activity to extend book experience):

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have your child pick out a favorite toy for you to hide. She should look all over, just like Tommy. Try reversing roles, and she hides something of yours.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Next time something is lost, relate it back to this story, getting ideas of where to look.</li> </ol> |
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