



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

BOOK TITLE: **Good Night, Gorilla**
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: As the zoo closes for the evening, Joe, the zookeeper, makes his rounds to make sure all the zoo animals are safe and secure for the night. He and his wife are in for a surprise when he gets home, crawls into bed, turns out the light, and bids his final "good night." Find out what these animals are up to.

***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):

Take a "picture walk" through the book. Look at the pictures and name the zoo animals. You can ask your child questions as you do this, such as:

1. Have you ever been to the zoo?
2. What do you think happens at the zoo once everyone goes home?
3. If you could have any animal from the zoo as a pet, which one would it be?

DURING READING (ask these questions about what is happening):

1. Talk about each animal. Ask questions to describe the animals. Maybe your child will make their sounds.
2. Can you predict what the zookeeper will say to the next animal?
3. Can you find the banana in the picture? The balloon?

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

Try to connect this book to your child's life and experiences.

1. Use your child's favorite stuffed animals, dolls, toys, etc. Say "Goodnight, dog," "Goodnight, teddy." Put each in a wagon or basket, then have the child pull them

out and say "Goodnight _____" for each one.

2. Pick a favorite animal from the book and look for it in different places -- on tv, in other books or magazines, on food packages, etc.

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