BOOK TITLE: Baby Max and Ruby: Clean-Up Time!
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SUMMARY OF BOOK: Max is cleaning up his room, putting all his toys away in their places. But at the end of the day, where will he put the cupcake?

*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. Allow your child to hold the book, investigate it. He won’t hurt it. Talk about how smooth it feels, how shiny it is.
2. What animal is on the cover? What’s he wearing? What toys are around him?

DURING READING:

1. Point out specific items on the pages: Can you find a shoe in this picture? Do you have crayons? Dolls?
2. Ask: Where do you keep your books?
3. Where did Max put the cupcake? Where else could a cupcake go?

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

Choose a different location to re-enact the book: the kitchen, outside, in a shed or garage - where do the things there belong? Make a playful scavenger hunt for children: find an item and discuss where it should go.

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