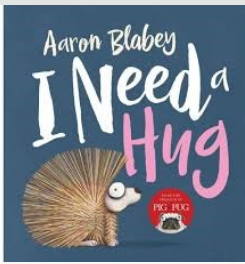


Storytime Ideas



Book Title: *I Need a Hug/ Necesito un Abrazo*

About the Book: In *I Need a Hug/ Necesito un Abrazo*, a tiny porcupine just wants a cuddle. All of the other animals turn him away because of his prickly spikes. But, finally, the porcupine meets an animal who's happy to hug -- a snake!

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun!

Dress up with rabbit ears or another animal prop. Hold a stuffed animal to demonstrate how to cuddle.

What's in the Mystery Bag?

Use your mystery bag to pull out pictures of animals (bear, moose, rabbit, porcupine, snake), or a picture of a porcupine quill (Ask, "Would you hug a porcupine? Why or why not?").

Whiteboard Activities:

Share vocabulary words on the whiteboard. As you read, check off each animal that is written or shown on the board.

Actions & Transitions:

- I Need a Hug: Pretend to hug each animal in the book. How would you hug a moose? Would you have to stretch up high on your toes? How would you hug a rabbit? Would you bend down low to reach it?
- Animal Antics: Choose an animal and pretend you are that animal. Where does the animal live? What does it eat? What sounds does it make? How does it move?

Vocabulary:

- ✓ Cuddle
- ✓ Moose
- ✓ Porcupine
- ✓ Bear
- ✓ Rabbit
- ✓ Snake

