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### New words and sounds your child might learn:

Dog, kitten, lamb, hare, chick, child, today, bitten, shy, scare, wild, play

#### Before:

- Say the title of the book, explaining that it is about a dog that likes to play, just like him.
- Say, "You like to play with (name of whom- your child plays with), I wonder who the dog will find to play with."

#### During:

- Talk about the pictures as you read the words on each page, "look the dog is running" and "the lamb is jumping away".
- As you read the story, have fun with the rhythm and rhyme.
- Talk about how the dog is feeling as you read "poor dog", and again at the end when he finds the child to play with.

#### After:

- Pretend to be the animals in the story together. Roll over like the dog, jump like the lamb, walk like the chick.
- Play ball together like the dog and the child did in the book. Take turns being the dog (try rolling the ball with your nose) and the child (practicing throwing and catching the ball) while playing together.

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