

## The Little Engine that Could

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### Some new sounds and words your baby might

**learn:** chug chug, puff puff, ding dong, train, engine, full, toys, dolls, up, down, "I think I can", pull, slowly, hooray.

### Before:

- Let your child explore the book. He might feel the outline of the book or put it in his mouth if he's a baby.
- Let him open and close the book and turn pages any way he wants to. Describe what he's doing. "You opened the book. You closed the book. Open. Close."

### During:

- Use your voice to help your child understand some of the words like, "puff puff", "chug chug", "pulled", "slowly", "Hooray!"
- Say "I think I can, I think I can...." to the rhythm of a train. Start slow and get faster.
- Use your finger to show your child how the train moves along the track. Help your child move his finger along the track.
- Help your child find the funny toy clown on each page.
- Name some of the things you see on the pages. Name some things your child points to.

### After:

- Play the game, "I think I can!" Do it when your child is struggling with something like walking, putting on shoes, stacking blocks, getting in the car seat, or going to the potty. When he succeeds, shout Hooray!

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.

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