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Story Time at Home

Title/Author: Up, Down, and Other Opposites with Ellsworth Kelly

WHILE You Are Reading with Your Child

-There are some words in the book that your child may not know, such as horizontal and vertical. Explain what these words mean and then see if they can repeat those words.

-Talk to your child about the words as they are read. Can they come up with other words that mean the same thing? For example, tiny means small; humongous means big.

AFTER Reading with Your Child

Opposites and Blocks

1. Gather a bunch of blocks or other smaller items.

2. See how many opposites you can represent using the blocks. For example, short and tall towers, filling a basket so it is full and comparing that to an empty basket, pointing out a block that is on top and one that is on the bottom, etc.

3. Challenge your child to give an example of the opposite thing you are doing. If you build a short tower, have your child build a tall one.

4. Continue with the game and see how many opposities you can come up with.

Square Collage

1. Using some scrap paper, old magazines, spare wrapping paper, or construction paper, cut out a bunch of squares. Get some glue or tape.

2. In the book, there was a picture that was filled with tiny squares. Talk to your child about that picture. Can they remember it? Can they find it in the book?

3. Work with your child to create a collage using the squares of paper.

If possible, have your child help you cut out the squares.