Big Sister, Little Sister
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This book has photographs of sisters playing, sharing, laughing, crying and loving together.

New words and sounds your child might learn:
sister, big, little, pumpkin, tear, brush, teeth, sip, zip, bubbles, comb, friends, love.

Before:
• Talk about big and little, younger and older.
• If there are big and little sisters or brothers in your family, talk about them together. How do they get along? Do they play together, fight sometimes, share a room, share toys?
• Explain that the girls in this book are called sisters because they have the same mom and dad; or whatever your culture defines as sisters.

During:
• Help your child find the big sister and little sister on each page. Say, “big sister, little sister” as you point to them. Later your child will be able to name them, too.
• While reading each page, talk about what the two sisters are doing.
• Talk about their emotions. “Do these sisters look happy, sad, excited?” Discuss why.
• As you read, point out the words on each page that look like what they mean. After many times of reading, your child will be able to “read” these special words, too.

After:
• Continue to talk about big and little. Point out examples when you see them.
• When you look at family photos or see members of your family, talk about the relationships. Help your child learn the words—sister, brother, uncle, aunt, cousin, etc.

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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