Little Cub
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What's an Old Bear to do when he finds a Little Cub all alone and afraid of the dark? Adopt him, of course! And help him try to get over his fears. In this book, we see the father and son from *Old Bear and His Cub* meet for the first time—and grow to love one another.

**New words and sounds your child might learn:**
bear, cub, old, little, dark, night, morning, evening, splashed, scampered, snuffled, whimpered, yowled, stream, swimming, fish, breakfast, lunch, honey, hungry, stomach

**Before:**
- Look at the cover of the book with your toddler and let them know this is going to be a book about a baby bear.
- Tell your child that it looks like the bear is all alone in the woods. Say, “I wonder who takes care of him”.
- Read the title of the book, explaining that a cub is a baby bear.

**During:**
- Point to the pictures as you read the words on each page.
- Point out similarities between the old bear and the little cub as you read the story, “The little cub doesn’t like the dark nights. The old bear doesn’t either”.
- Talk about how the old bear and the little cub must be feeling and why. How do they feel at the beginning of the story and again at the end?

**After:**
- Talk to your child about who takes care of her. Describe the things you do for her and tell her you love taking care of her.
- Talk to your child about the activities you enjoy most, such as going to the park or just playing together in the house.

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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