

# Gotcha!

## Primary Objectives

18a. Interacts during reading experiences, book conversations, and text reflections

## Why It's Important

Children begin to understand the meaning from books by being read to. When your child understands what a story is about, she can retell it or act it out for her own enjoyment and the enjoyment of others.

## Materials

Book: *Gotcha!* by Gail Jorgensen

## What You Do

1. Tell your child you are going to read a story about Bertha Bear's birthday party.
2. Show her the cover of the book and ask her what she thinks the book will be about. Allow her sufficient time to respond.
3. Read the story, asking open-ended questions to help her compare and predict story events. *What do you think is going to happen next? Where did that camel come from? What happened to the beastly fly? How do you think the fly got away?*
4. As your child responds, focus on her answers and note her ability to comprehend and interpret meaning.
5. After you've read the book, invite your child to help you reread or retell the story. Let her take the lead, encouraging her to use the pictures on each page to help her remember.