# Family Connection Activities

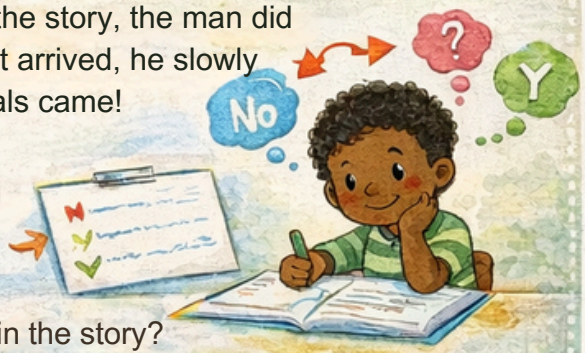
## The Man Who Didn't Like Animals

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## Book Connection

### Activity: From No to Yes - Just Like the Man!

Book Connection: At the beginning of the story, the man did not like animals at all. But when the cat arrived, he slowly began to change-and then more animals came!




**What to Do**

- Have your child think about something they didn't like at first.

**Family Talk**

How was your experience like the man in the story?
What helped you change your mind?

### Activity: Taking Care -Like the Man Learned

Book Connection: Even though the man didn't want animals, he began caring for them-feeding them, living with them, and eventually enjoying their company.



**What to Do**

Have your child care for:
A real pet OR
A stuffed animal



**Create a simple routine:**

- Feed
- Play
- Rest

**Create a journal entry describing your experience caring for your pet.**

### Activity: Act the Story - Before and After

Book Connection: The story clearly shows a "before" (no animals) and "after" (many animals and joy).




**What to Do**

Act out two scenes:
1. The man before animals (tidy, quiet, alone)
2. The man after animals (busy, lively, full of joy)

**Family Talk**

What changed the most?
Which version of the man seemed happier? Why?

**Big Idea from the Book:**

The story teaches us that:
People can change and grow
Trying new things can lead to joy and connection
Giving others a chance helps us build meaningful relationships

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