LITTLE CAT
AND THE BIG RED BUS
by Jane Godwin

This is a lovely story about a little girl named Cat who has somewhat of an adventure when she has to take the bus home without her sister. The simple illustrations and lyrical text make this a great story to share anywhere, anytime.

DID YOU KNOW?

Some stories address themes that can be scary for children, like being left alone or forgotten. In this story the little girl falls asleep and ends up on her own, in the dark, somewhere she has never been before. This is a great teaching opportunity with your child as you can talk about a time they might have been on their own and what they can do if they become lost in future.

WHEN SHARING THIS BOOK WITH YOUR CHILD:

Sit close together and look at the book’s cover, look at the size of the bus and the size of the girl. Ask your child to point to something that is big and something that is little, then read the title to them.

Look through the story and see if you can see the big red bus in the pictures, then ask your child to see if they can see the little girl.

This book has great directional language, for example ‘the bus went up and the bus went down.’ Use your finger to follow the bus up and down and make your voice go up and down to emphasise the meaning of these words.

When Little Cat wakes up to find she is alone, talk to your child about how she might feel. Together, think of some things she could do to make herself feel better or to find her way home.

You might like to set up a track at home where a bus or cars could go up and down, around, in and out, and stop and, start just like the big red bus did. Make sure you reinforce this vocabulary with your child while you are playing.

You might want to take your child on an adventure on a bus, train or tram. It is a great way to spend a sunny day and books are easy to pack for the ride home.

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