

# A Present for Zac

What will Zac get this year?

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It was the week before Christmas. Mummy, Daddy and Zac were out shopping. Daddy went into the tool store so Mummy and Zac went into the toy store.

In the toy store there were lots of bubbles and springs. Mummy asked 'which toy do you want?'



Zac said to Mummy, 'Mummy there's a puppy!'  
'What?' asked mummy.

'Mummy there's a puppy!' he replied.

Mummy looked towards the window and saw  
a lively little puppy dog. He was looking at  
them through the window - his tail wagging  
with happiness.



'Mummy can we take him home?' asked Zac.

'Ok' said Mummy.

They went out of the toy store and picked up the puppy.



Daddy was not very pleased! 'We cannot keep this puppy!' he said.

Mummy explained to daddy that Zac really wanted the puppy. Daddy said 'no!' Mummy said to Daddy, 'if no one comes to claim the puppy before Christmas we will let Zac have the puppy.' Daddy agreed.



They made lots of posters but no one came to get the puppy. It was now the day before Christmas and Zac was getting excited.

He drank his milk and ate his cookies and then daddy carried him to his bed and tucked him in. Zac snuggled down and slowly fell asleep.



Everything was silent in the Potter's house.

Jasmine was dreaming of make up, Josh was dreaming about ice-cream and Zac was dreaming about the puppy!

Everyone was sleeping peacefully. It was the best night of the whole year! Zac awoke to the sound of sleigh bells and then fell back to sleep again.



**On Christmas morning everyone was awake early. Everybody was excited and busy opening presents.**

**Josh saw a really big basket and peered in. Out came... the puppy! It was the first dog for the family and they all loved him.**

**Zac said 'I am going to call you Lucky because we are lucky to have you.'**  
**They all lived happily ever after.**

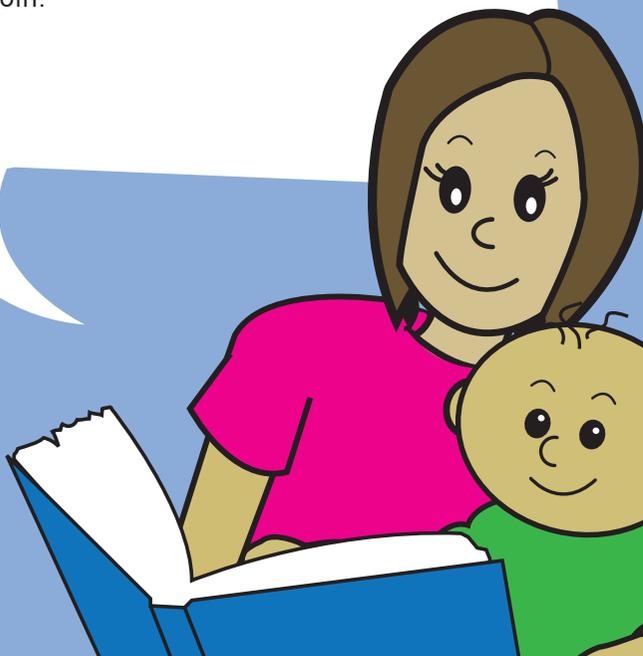


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- Book sharing is a wonderful way to help your child's language development
- Find a quiet place. Turn off the TV, radio or background noise. This will help your child to concentrate.
- Talk about the pictures as well as reading the story.
- Give your child time to respond.
- It is good to share favourite books again and again. Repetition helps children to understand and remember language they hear.
- Why not visit your local library for different books- it is free to join.



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