

Open Doors
Chapter 8c: Emergent Literacy Experience It

Mom: What is that?

Michael: Bird.

Mom: Bird.

Michael: Owl.

Mom: Owl. Soft.

Michael: Dad!

Mom: Look.

Michael: Bird. Mom! Eh.

Mom: That's a bird.

Home Visitor: That's a bird.

Home Visitor: Mom will read it. You want Mom to read it?

Mom: Bird.

Home Visitor: Oh, look at the bird.

Mom: [gasp] Green.

Michael: Oh.

Michael: Eh.

Mom: Frog.

Michael: Eh. Eh.

Mom: Bird.

Home Visitor: It's a touch-and-feel, so he can feel the texture.

Michael: Bug!

Mom: Bug, ladybug. Soft. Red. Creature. [gasp] Ew, look at this. Hard.

Michael: Bird.

Mom: Butterfly.

Michael: Eh. Eh.

Mom: Look, it's hard. Hard crab.

Home Visitor: And just having him repeat that. "Do you know that one?"

Michael: Fly!

Mom: Michael.

Michael: Fly!

Home Visitor: No! Crab.

Michael: Fly!

Mom: Say, "crab." Michael too, crab. Look! Kangaroo. Soft. Michael, too. Say "soft kangaroo."

Home Visitor: Wow! It's a kangaroo. Yeah, soft.

Mom: Say "soft".

Michael: Eh.

Mom: Bear. Brown bear. There's the bird. Fish. Yellow. A yellow fish. Look right there. I'll show you another one. Look, rough. Wrinkly. Wrinkly. Flamingo! Piglets. Where's the piglets? That's a dolphin. You remember watching the dolphin last night? Dolphin. Say "rhinoceros". Wrinkly rhinoceros.

Michael: Eh.

Mom: Where's the mouse? Say "mouse."

Michael: Where?

Mom: "Mouse."

Michael: Eh.

Mom: "Mouse." Say "pig."

Michael: Pig.

Mom: Pigs. Piglets. One more. One more.

Michael: One!

Mom: Say "black and white". Soft. Zebra. Silky zebra.

Home Visitor: Zebra! Wow! Let me try feeling that. Ooh, soft.

Michael: Eh.

Mom: Tail. Smooth.

Michael: Wow!

Mom: Kangaroo.

Michael: Ooh.

Mom: Kangaroo.

Home Visitor: Kangaroo. Does he like to do rhymes and --?

Michael: Bye.

Home Visitor: Or you've tried that?

Mom: Not really. I never tried that.

Home Visitor: Would you want to try like every -- [Sneeze] Ooh! Bless you.

Mom: Bless you.

Michael: Eh.

Home Visitor: And that would help out with his speech, too. And repeating over, like in a week, and see how he's doing, that would be a good --

Mom: Yeah.

Home Visitor: Like even short little rhymes or songs or --

Mom: Kangaroo.

Home Visitor: And even have them like posted on the wall and just that would be a good --

Mom: Say "zebra."

Home Visitor: Even like while you're cooking, you just sing to him more.

Mom: I usually try to let him sing the ABCs with me, but --

Michael: [gasp] Wow!

Mom: He only says a couple and run away.

Home Visitor: Oh. I mean, even if you just sing it and maybe he can catch on.

Mom: Where's the kangaroo?

Michael: Hmm?

Mom: Kangaroo.

Michael: Hmm?

Mom: Zebra.

Michael: Eh.

Mom: Zebra. Kangaroo! The same page. Kangaroo.

Michael: Hi.

Home Visitor: Kangaroo.

Michael: [Laughs]