Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy

There are lots of activities to support this story. Here are a few ideas you could try at home.

Sorting activity.

In the story there are many different types of dogs. Some are very big and some are really small.

Using some of your toys at home can you sort the small toys from the big? You can use anything you like such as soft toys or trains. You can even use lego pieces or household objects e.g. spoons

Can you describe what it is.

Hide an object in a bag this can be any object and a carrier bag will do. Ask your child to put their hand inside the bag without looking. Encourage your child to describe what they can feel. For example is the item soft and fluffy or is it hard. Encourage your child to use as much descriptive language as possible.

Matching

Think about the dogs in the book. Encourage your child to think about how a small dog would sound compared to a large dog. You can demonstrate by making a loud barking noise and a quiet barking noise. Encourage your child to think about which size dog would make such noises. Explore making loud and quiet sounds with your voices or household objects. Have fun.

Where is it?

Using a bowl and a small toy introduce your child to positional language. This is achieved by putting the toy, inside, beside, on top or underneath the bowl.

Take in turns with your child to put the toy in these various positions describing what you're doing as you play.