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So Smart! Baby's First-Word Stories DVD

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I'm still new to the world of educational toys & DVD's, so I was really interested in learning more about [So Smart!](#) and their new DVD line for children ages 1-3.



Product Description:

[So Smart!](#) is an award-winning brand, trusted by parents for over a decade. This new animated DVD series, Babies First Word Stories, is created especially for 1-3 year old's who are beginning to explore the rich world of language.

My Review:

I was able to review Baby's First-Word Stories: House, which is set to be released along with 6 other titles on September 22nd. In this particular DVD, the characters were animals (my daughter's favorite thing): Edward the dog, Iggy the piggy, Dee Dee the duck (or bird?) and Larry the lion.

There were 5 different skits involving the animals:

Bath-time

Who's Hiding in the House?

Sounds in My House

Where is Edward's House?

Clean-up Time

Each skit introduced simple words like telephone, vacuum, and bubbles. Simple sentences and stories were built around the vocabulary words using the animal characters.

My daughter sat on my lap during the 30 minute DVD, and really took everything in at age 2. She loved the animals of course! The music was fun and introduced the names of the characters. Since this is aimed at little ones as young as 1, they have deliberately kept the images simple and slow moving. I know that was a big concern of mine when my daughter first started watching tv – things would move too fast on the screen. Not here – they've done a wonderful job. Even though the images are simple, they are colorful and my little little one wasn't bored at all.

I loved the interaction I had with my daughter during the DVD. At the end of each skit, they review the words you've just learned. We jumped right in and participated – letting our new friends Iggy, Edward, Dee Dee and Larry know that we were paying attention! She even learned a few words she wasn't familiar with (dustpan and broom) – Mommy prefers a vacuum!

The DVD is complete with a printable activity guide. I really enjoyed browsing the guide which offered tips on fun activities to reinforce what is learned.....practical things that can be done at times like bath-time or clean-up time.

I also visited the [So Smart!](#) website, which showcases all their products (including a separate line for ages 3-6: King Otis and the Kingdom of Goode). I found fun activities based on age too – we printed off the [colorful finger puppets](#), which provided a ton of entertainment when my nephew came to visit.

While I hadn't heard of [So Smart!](#) when I was asked to review the DVD, I'm glad I've found them.

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