



Tiny T-Rex and the Impossible Hug
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Available on Hoopla and Youtube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzVi7MWXKUg>)

Extension Activities:

1. Just like Tiny T. Rex, every day you are growing taller. Get out a tape measure or a ruler and measure how tall you are today. You can also measure how long your arms are, while you're at it. All that math would make Daddy T. Rex very happy!
2. Tiny T. Rex thought he was too lost for his mother to find him, but she did anyway. Play hide and seek--see if you can find a hiding spot trickier than Tiny T. Rex's!
3. Play emotion charades. Take turns acting out an emotion and guessing what is being portrayed. It may help to first talk about how facial expressions and body language are clues we can use to understand how people feel, and to work together to draw different facial expressions to help kids connect things like a downturned mouth or narrowed eyes with the appropriate emotion.
4. Discuss what it takes to learn hard new things. Have you ever had to ask someone for help or advice? Did you like their advice? Did you follow it? What was the result? Is there something you have spent a lot of time practicing or training for? Is there something new you would like to learn or practice today? Who might be able to help you?
5. Practice hugging your stuffed animals or dolls, then give someone in your house a nice big hug!