Who Sleeps, Cat the Cat?

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Title: Who Sleeps, Cat the Cat?
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Number of Pages: 22
Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool
Rating: Excellent

Review

Energetic and spunky Cat the Cat rounds up his other animal friends for bedtime. Sheep, Pig, Giraffe, Crab, Horse, and Shark are all doing their own nighttime activities, but follow Cat’s invitation to go to sleep. Owl, on the other hand, is just waking up.

This is a delightful book for babies and toddlers, both because of its simplicity and because it can help young children become more familiar with the concept of bedtime. The book’s pages are made of thick cardboard, making it very durable and easily handled by children. Like other Mo Willems illustrations, the pictures are bright, sharp, creative, cute, and funny. The repetition and patterns found in the text make it easy to read and pleasantly predictable (at least until the end when the author surprises you with Owl). All in all, this is a fun and short read that young children would greatly enjoy.