



Proud Dog

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Elementary Discussion Guide

Suggested Age Range: 4-8

About the Story

Dorothy was a happy dog with two loving and kind dads. As a family they loved going on long walks, splashing in the bathtub, and enjoying dinner parties, just the three of them. That all changed when Dorothy's dads brought home a baby! Suddenly, everything felt chaotic. No more long walks. No more bathtime splashing. No more quiet dinners. Life became rushed and wildly hectic. Then, one day the baby had the hiccups and nothing the dads did made the baby happy. Dorothy saved the day by getting the baby to giggle. From that moment on, everything felt different. Dorothy welcomed the baby into the family and was proud to celebrate her new, bigger family.

About the Author

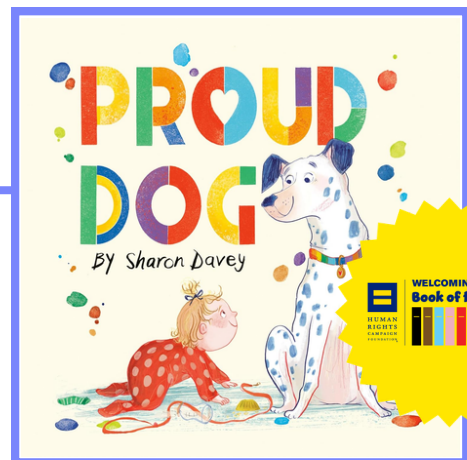
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Discussion Questions

- * What are some things that Dorothy loves to do with her dads in the beginning of the story?
- * How did Dorothy feel when her dads brought home a baby?
- * How did Dorothy try to help her dads around the house?
- * What happened that changed the way Dorothy feels about the baby?
- * How is your family like the family in this story? How is your family different?

Activities

- * Share some things your family loves to do together.
- * Draw or paint a picture of your family. Add details to show what makes your family special and unique. Welcoming Schools has a [lesson plan here](#) for K-2 students creating drawings that celebrate unique family structures.
- * In a small group, act out a scene from the book and have your classmates or friends guess which part.
- * Make a bulletin board with photographs or drawings of everyone's family. Celebrate the ways families are alike and the ways they are different.
- * Make a poster of ways you can help at home.



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