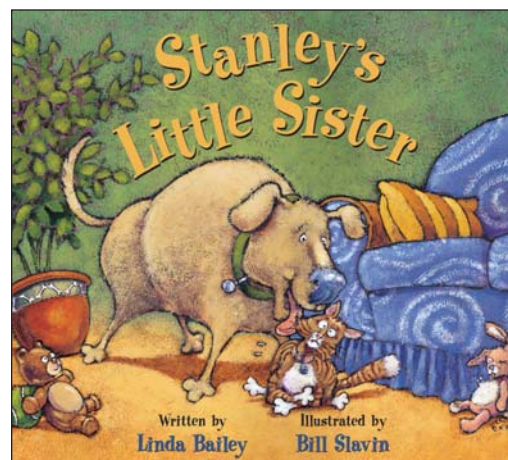


Dear Friend,

The fifth title from Linda Bailey and Bill Slavin's award-winning series might just be the funniest Stanley book yet. Stanley's home life goes awry when he suddenly finds himself with a new feline "sister." And no matter how hard he tries to be nice to her, somehow the fur always ends up flying and Stanley always ends up in the doghouse. How did Stanley become the underdog in his own family? Can peace and purring prevail in Stanley's house?



These storytime suggestions and activities for *Stanley's Little Sister* are intended to enhance your storytime event, whether it's in a bookstore, library, classroom or at home. Stanley's high-spirited antics in his latest adventure show children the importance of patience, gentleness and getting along with others. These activities aim to bring the fun and friendship of the Stanley books to young readers in a new way.

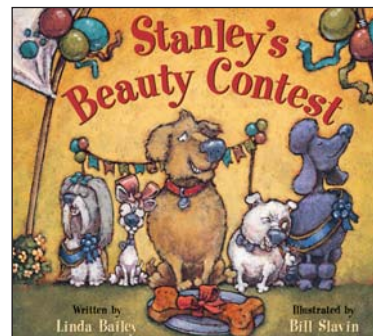
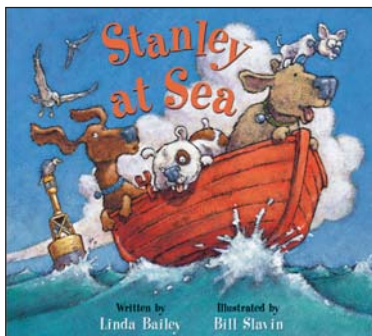
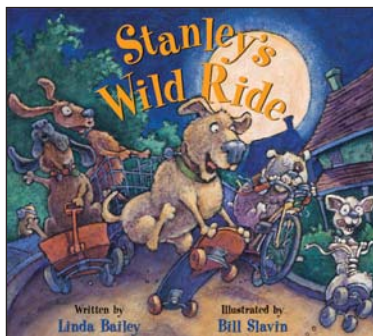
### **About the series:**

The canine hero of this much-loved series is a good dog, but sometimes temptation proves too strong for him to resist. Stanley follows his rumbling tummy and natural curiosity wherever they lead him. He has a knack for sniffing out a good time with his pals Nutsy, Alice and Gassy Jack by his side, and mayhem is always near at hand!



Recommended for ages 3–7.

**Read all of the Stanley books!**



# Storytime Suggestions for *Stanley's Little Sister*

## Activity Materials

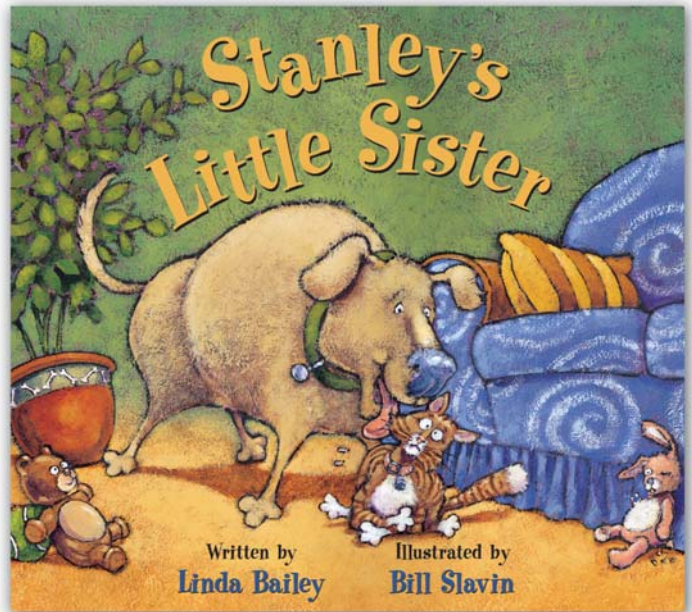
- pencils or pencil crayons
- photocopies of “Stanley’s Purrfect Word Search” activity and answers on page 2–3.

## Before Storytime

In *Stanley’s Little Sister*, Stanley must cope with feelings of jealousy and sibling rivalry when his people bring home a new feline “sister.” Ask your group if they have a younger or older brother or sister. Do they play nicely with their sibling? What kind of games do they play together? If they don’t have a brother or sister, ask them if they would like a new little brother or sister. For those who are older siblings, ask them how they felt when their parents brought home their new little sister or brother.

## During Storytime

Ask your group if anyone owns a dog or cat or both. If they have both a cat and a dog, ask them how their pets get along. Do they play nicely together? Stanley receives some advice from his friends, Alice, Gassy Jack and Nutsy. Ask your group if they agree with their advice. What would they tell Stanley to do to become friends with Fluffy?



## After Storytime

Ask your group how Stanley tries to be friends with Fluffy. What happens to Stanley when he tries to be nice? Why is it so hard for Stanley not to chase Fluffy? Is it because of his doggy instinct? Why do Alice, Nutsy and Gassy Jack understand how hard it is for Stanley to not chase Fluffy? Ask your group who their favourite character is. Stanley? Fluffy? Alice? Nutsy? Gassy Jack? Divide your group into two groups — cats and dogs. Ask them to walk and talk like Stanley and Fluffy and have them reenact some of the scenes from the book.

For more fun, hand out a copy of the “Stanley’s Purrfect Word Search” activity to every person in the group.

# Stanley's Purrfect Word Search

Can you find and circle the words listed in the box on the left?

SISTER

STANLEY

FLUFFY

CAT

HAIRBALL

ALICE

NUTSY

GASSYJACK

CHASE

FAMILY

B	R	O	T	H	E	R	F	L	D	H	S	G
S	D	E	I	E	G	M	Y	D	P	Q	R	A
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# Answers

## Stanley's Purrrfect Word Search

B	R	O	T	H	E	R	F	L	D	H	S	G
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