

# KEY STEPS to READING SUCCESS

## WEEK 4

This week's focus: Sight Words, Comprehension,  
Short "a" Vowel Sound

**THIS WEEK THE FOCUS IS ON SHORT A, SIGHT WORDS, AND COMPREHENSION**

## BOOK: 3 Biscuit Books

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### ACTIVITIES

**It is REALLY important to try to read this week's books to your child and do the activities 3 times if you can!**

**The more you practice with your child, the better he or she will read!**

#### LET YOUR CHILD HELP YOU READ!

The Biscuit books you receive for the rest of this program may be books your child can read without help soon. If your child has been practicing sight words up to this point and knows letters and sounds letters make, he or she should begin to be able to read.

### SOMETHING NEW: SHORT "a" VOWEL SOUND

This week and for the next 4 weeks, you and your child will receive Biscuit books. This week, you are getting 3 books.

The first book is called "This Is Biscuit." You do not have to do any activities with this book. It is an introduction to the dog, Biscuit. Just read the book to your child. If your child can read some of the words, let him/her read! As you read, point under each word. If you read the book several times, your child will eventually be able to point to the words and read it, too!

The other 2 books you receive this week are "Biscuit and the Cat" and "Biscuit and Sam." They have lots of words in the book that have the short "a" vowel sound, like the "a" in "apple". Point this out to your child. The word hunt words you get this week on the blue strips all have the short "a" vowel sound in them. Be sure to hunt for those words in the books.

There are also 2 comprehension cards this week in your packet. One is for "Biscuit and the Cat" and the other is for "Biscuit and Sam." Be sure to talk to your child about the characters, settings, problems, and solutions for each book after you read them with your child.

### ZAP!

You have been playing word hunt with the blue strips of sight words up to this point in the Key Steps program. Today, you will be getting more words on blue strips, including ZAP! words (some of you may have gotten ZAP! words a couple of weeks ago – if you have lost them, contact your child's school and we will be sure to get more to you).

You can now play a new game called ZAP! with your sight words on blue strips. See directions for ZAP! in this packet. If you have questions, don't hesitate to call the school or email your child's teacher and we will help you!

