



Too Big! Too Small!

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Level 1



“I can’t lift you up,
Shanu!” says
Ammi.

“You are **too big!**”



“You can’t walk to school alone, Shanu!” says Abbu.

“You are too small!”



“You can’t sleep in the baby’s cot, Shanu!” says Dadu.

“You are **too big!**”



“You can’t carry the baby to the park, Shanu!” says Dadi.

“You are too small!”

Shanu is puzzled.
Too big! Too small!

How can she be
too **big** and
too **small** all at once?





Too **big**
to wear her old
pink frock.

TOO small to make dosas
at the stove.



Too **big**
to climb up on
Dadu's back?

Too **small**
to carry the baby
on hers?



“What am I
the right size for?”
Shanu wonders.





Ammi smiles and says, "Why, you are just **big** enough to go to big school."



“And you are just
small enough for me
to carry you
on my shoulders,”
says Abbu.



“You are just **big** enough to take me for my morning walks,” says Dadu.



“And you are just small enough for me to tell stories to,” says Dadi.



“And you will always, always be the **perfect** size... for this!” all say, and give her a warm, wonderful hug.

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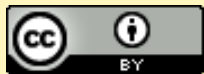
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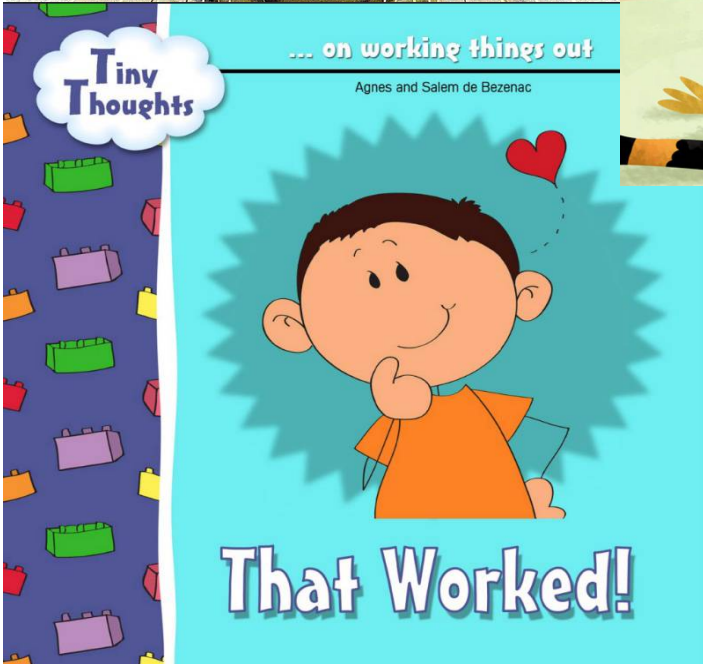
(English)

Shanu is too big for Ammi to carry. And too small to go to school alone. Are you too small to read this story on your own? Or are you too big to have someone read it aloud with you? Open it and find out!

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