

# Once Upon a Goat

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**Synopsis:** A twisted fairy tale about a king and queen who wish for a child of their own . . . and end up with a baby goat.

**Suggested Reading Date:** February for love of whatever type of family you have.

### Activity Descriptions:

- Discuss how families are different and have students share who are the members of their families, including pets.
- Guess which animal matches the word for the baby animal name.
- Make up sentences using two words that are homophones of each other.
- Research goats and their behaviors. Discuss whether they would be good family members.

### Related Websites:

- Author's Webpage: <https://www.danrichardsbooks.com/>
- Illustrator's Webpage: [www.ericbarclay.com](http://www.ericbarclay.com)
- Smithsonian's National Zoo Goats: <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/goat>

### Text to Text Connections:

*Children Make Terrible Pets* by Peter Brown

*Wolfie the Bunny* by Ame Dyckman

*Gaston* by Kelly DiPucchio

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