Things to do together:

• The author of this book wrote this book as a child and then re-wrote it as an adult. Your child can be the illustrator by drawing pictures and you can write an original book together.

• Draw a self portrait together. Take turns drawing your own likeness and then draw each other.

• David had trouble following the rules. What are the rules at your school? What are the rules at home? Adults are there to keep kids safe and help them follow the rules.

• Act out the book together. What could David do instead? How can David follow the rules? What could he do differently tomorrow?

• Talk about feelings. How do the other kids feel when he doesn't follow the rules? How do David and his teacher feel at the end of the book?

• David is by himself when he doesn't come in from recess and when he is walking home from school. Talk about safety and the importance of staying with an adult.

• Try some fun activities that David did, but in a safe way while following limits and rules. Make a silly face, try new things, share ideas, paint, look for shapes in the clouds, take turns, practice table manners, play outside, read, draw, help out by keeping your area clean, and have fun!

• Read other books by David Shannon.