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## Mine!

A nearly wordless book with 2 young children and a dog. If the children are siblings, there needs to be about 12 months between ages. If they are friends/relatives could be closer in age/different ethnicities. Chris is toddling around. Jessie is mostly sitting on his/her bottom/crawling. Dog, lying near water dish. Chris does most of the speaking. Names (Chris & Jessie) are simply used to differentiate the two characters—could be either sex. Manuscript is mostly stage directions.



*Front matter:* two adults place two babies on kitchen floor, by dog, with a pile of toys between them.

**“Mine.”** Chris picks up a toy.

**“Mine.”** Chris picks up a second toy.

**“Mine, mine, mine, mine, mine . . .”** Chris scoots, or gets up and toddles around picking up and clutching as many as she/he can hold. (Jessie has observed all this.)

Jessie picks up a toy Chris missed.

**“MINE!”** Chris points at Jessie, and drops all the loot he/she had held in order to hold both hands out. Jessie’s mouth starts to quiver, and he/she is about to cry while holding onto the single toy he/she has.

Dog rises and steals one of the dropped toys from near Chris. This distracts them both. Dog returns to his place by water dish, and proceeds to lick and chew on toy.

**“Mi—”** Chris turns to dog with hands out.

Jessie looks at toy in hand, and then at dog. Suddenly raises toy and lets it go—in dog’s direction.

**“Mi—”** Chris distracted by Jessie’s throw.