Clifford's First Valentine's Day
This beloved Clifford book, now in board book format with foil! Clifford has always gotten into a little innocent trouble, even as a puppy. This time, he’s helping Emily Elizabeth make a special Valentine for her grandma. When it comes time to mail it, Clifford gets an unexpected behind-the-scenes tour of the Post Office!

### Synopsis

This is a story about when Clifford, the big red dog, was a small puppy. He was tiny compared to his friend, Emily Elizabeth. After he was grown, he towered over her. She asks you, "Guess who always gets the biggest valentine?" On Clifford's first Valentine’s Day, Emily Elizabeth was making valentines for her mother, father, grandma, and grandpa. Clifford wanted to help. Emily Elizabeth gave him some paper. While she used scissors, Clifford used his puppy teeth! In those days, you glued valentines together with smelly white paste. Clifford starting sniffing, and soon had the paste all over his paws. Then he ran all over the valentines. Eventually, Emily Elizabeth got everything sorted out. Then, she put Clifford into her pocket for a ride to the post office to mail the valentines. The complications really started to multiply there! But when they all returned safely home, Emily Elizabeth concluded this about Clifford, "He will always be my favorite valentine." Now, that’s real love. One of the many beauties of this story is that Emily Elizabeth acts throughout in a thoughtful responsible way. In doing so, she becomes a good model for what a child should do with a new pet.
This includes paying attention to the young animal, playing together, and cleaning up when problems occur. It also means watching out for the pet's safety. If your young child has been interested in having a pet, this would be a good story to read together. Then you could discuss what the responsibilities are of having a pet, especially a frisky puppy. You can ask your child how she or he would have handled the situations that arise with Clifford in the book. Also, you can talk about how small puppies do grow into large dogs.

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