



## Too Big! Too Small!

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"I can't lift you up, Shanu!" says Mom "You are too big!"

"You can't walk to school alone, Shanu!" says Dad. "You are too small!"

"You can't sleep in the baby's cot, Shanu!" says Grandpa. "You are too big!"

"You can't carry the baby to the park, Shanu!" says Grandma. "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 Grandpa'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 Dad.

"You are just big enough to take me for my morning walks," says Grandpa.

"And you are just small enough for me to tell stories to," says Grandma.

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

THE END



