

MIKE

(The Book)

The Backyard.
Anytown, USA.

The young puppy Biscuit is newly arrived at the home of the Little Girl. Mom and Dad have told their little girl that her new puppy must be trained quickly and mind his manners since the family is expecting a new arrival – a new baby.

Here at the beginning of the play, it is Little Girl’s birthday. Her friend, Mike, gives her a book: “How to Make Your Puppy the Best Puppy in the World” – which has a “Best Puppy” test at the end. Both Little Girl and Biscuit’s goal is for Biscuit to pass that test.

Biscuit is a young male puppy (played by a woman) who is sweet, innocent, loving, with lots of positive energy. He is very eager to learn but like most children, he doesn’t always think things through, which can frustrate his wanting to grow up as quickly as he can.

Little Girl is a young girl who is mature for her age. She is intelligent, sensible, sweet, and very loving. She loves Biscuit very much. She acts as the narrator for the play.

MIKE is one of Little Girl’s best friends. He is fun-loving and sometimes likes to tease. But in the end, he is a good friend who really wants to see his friend Little Girl and Biscuit be happy.

MIKE

Hey, we almost forgot – one last gift.

LITTLE GIRL

More?

MIKE (*nods*)

Probably the most important one.

(*He hands her a book*)

LITTLE GIRL

A book?

MIKE

No – not ‘a’ book – ‘the’ book.

LITTLE GIRL

“How to Educate Your Puppy”?

MIKE

So, he can be the best puppy in the world.

LITTLE GIRL

Oh, he already is.

MIKE

No, he’s not.

LITTLE GIRL

Huh?

MIKE

You’ve got to train him. Educate him.

LITTLE GIRL

But how do I do that?

MIKE

Just follow the book. And there’s like this test at the end.

LITTLE GIRL

A test?

MIKE (*turns to tease Biscuit*)

Better pass your test, Biscuit. Or they might have to send you back.

LITTLE GIRL

Stop. You'll scare him.

MIKE (*to Little Girl*)

Well, your parents did say he's got to learn to behave before the "new arrival" gets here.

LITTLE GIRL

Hey, didn't you say you had to get going?

MIKE

Right! So happy birthday!

...Hey, don't worry. All Biscuit has to do is finish his education and...

LITTLE GIRL

Pass his test.

MIKE

Right! See you!

END OF SIDE.