

**Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

**Book title:** ***No Matter What***

**Author:** Debi Gliori

**Main characters:** A mother kangaroo, named Large, and her baby kangaroo, named Small.

**Executive summary:** A mother kangaroo convinces her son that regardless of how he acts or looks, she will always love him; and that love will never go away.

**Detailed summary**: A young kangaroo named Small is feeling mad and grumpy. He asks his mother, whose name is Large, if she still loves him even if he is grumpy. His mother answers, yes. She still loves him even if he is grumpy. Small wonders if his mother would love him if he was a big angry bear. Large answers, of course she would still love him. Small wonders if she would love him if he was a bug. Large says of course she would love him even if he was a bug. But what if he was a big, mean crocodile, wonders Small. Would his mother still love him then? Yes. She would love him even if he was a big, mean crocodile.

Large loves him because he is so special to her. It doesn’t matter what he looks like or how he acts. Now Small wonders if love ever breaks. His mother convinces him that love can never break, though sometimes it might need to be fixed with a hug or a kiss. Small wonders if distance can make love disappear. His mother convinces him that just as we see the light from the stars that are hundreds of miles from earth, we feel the love in our heart from those we care about even when they are not near.