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Baxter the dog is full of surprises—you never know what fun gadget he's going to pull out next! When his bird buddies, Marcus and Fiona, begin their annual journey to their Family Tree, Baxter must find a way to fly with his feathery friends! Follow Baxter, Marcus, and Fiona across the United States as they find new twists on old traditions and learn what it really means to be a family.

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