

Noni and his Mom Walk Home from Kindergarten

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Suggestions for Family Activities

“Let me help you, Mom!”

Noni is beginning to show signs of empathy; he feels his mom’s difficulty, and offers to help. This story invites us to accompany our toddlers’ journey through development, observing it while identifying moments of a need for independence, noticing when they need help, and by which actions they themselves help, and express sensitivity to the difficulties of others.

A piece of advice when reading to toddlers

We recommend reading the book alone first, before reading it as a family. Prior familiarity with the book helps to read it seamlessly later, at a pace suitable for toddlers. Enjoy reading this book!

A discussion on who can help

We can all help others, even toddlers. You may want to ask your toddlers how they can help others, or tell them that they are helping when it happens: “Remember when you helped me set the table?” “Look at you helping me put away the toys!”

Listening to the story

Would you like to listen to the book *Noni and his Mom Walk Home from Kindergarten*? Please scan the QR code to find a recording of this book. You could listen to it while traveling, playing, or sitting together while turning the pages of the book.

A story in illustrations

The illustrations are part of the story, and using them, toddlers identify and recognize the plot and some of its details. You may enjoy looking at the illustrations together, and searching for the items that Nomi gives his mother: 'Where do you see an illustration of a bag?' and 'Where can you find an illustration of a coat?'

Playing a game of 'An items tower'

Inspired by the items piling on top of mom in this book, you may want to take turns building a tower out of various items: Very carefully, one on top of the other, you can place building blocks, toys, hats, bags, and anything else you might want to add.



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