

READING TIPS FOR SHARING BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD "Pass It On"

A girl spreads joy to others by sharing good feelings and experiences with them.

For the first time reading, curl up with your child and read the book together. Enjoy. For the next readings, here are some ideas for activities to do with your child. Don't try to do everything each time you read it. And most of all, have fun and enjoy sharing the story with your child.

Starting Up:

- Read the title and talk about a time when you passed something special on to a friend or to your child.
- Look at the cover together. Talk about the picture: What color balloons do you see? Which hat has a white pom-pom? The girl looks ready to share her balloons! The balloon on the back cover got away! Can the children reach it?

Reading the Story:

- When the children in the story whoop it up or jump for joy, try it! When they hug, give your child a squeeze, too.
- Ask if your child likes swimming, roller coasters, or splashing in the rain as you look at the pictures of those activities in the story. Point out the smiles of the characters.
- Have your child find different animals in the book, such as an octopus, owl, whale, or monkey.

After the Story:

- Ask your child questions about the story.
 - What activity in the story looks like the most fun to you?
 - Have you ever felt sad and someone cheered you up? Do you like to cheer up others?
- Learning on the Go:
 - Plan to share a favorite activity with a friend or family member.
 - Share ideas together about words, phrases, or jokes that you can say to pass good feelings on to those around you.

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