



Share a book everyday to create a reader for a lifetime!



Title: Stone Soup

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Book Summary: Three monks travel through the mountains of China. They enter a village and prepare stone soup to teach the villagers about happiness.

Before Reading, *use the following conversation starters to engage your child's interest in the book.*

To create interest in the book, tell your child that this story has been told for generations in different countries. Each time the story is adapted to the country's people and culture.

To develop prediction skills, ask your child to look at the cover picture and discuss his/her favorite soup. Ask if s/he thinks stone soup would be good to eat?

During Reading, *use the following ideas to keep your child actively engaged in the book sharing.*

To discuss cooperation, pause and talk with your child about working with others. Encourage him/her to talk about what happens when the villagers start sharing with each other to make the stone soup.

To develop social-emotional skills, discuss with your child how the girl's life is different from his/hers. But also discuss the similarities between the girl and your child. Children come from all different families and cultures. Talking about these differences and similarities helps develop respect for others.

After Reading, *use the following activities to extend your book sharing experience.*

To introduce prediction skills, ask your child where s/he thinks the monks will go next or what s/he thinks the villagers will do now that they have learned to work together.

To teach your child life skills, encourage your child to assist you as you prepare a family meal. Use your own family recipe. Include your child in measuring and preparing the ingredients. Supervise him/her as you cook the meal together. Assist your child as s/he sets the table to enjoy your meal.

To develop early literacy skills, create a family cookbook with your child. You can write down the recipe on the right side of the page, and your child can draw what the food would look like on the left side of the page. Continue to add to your family cookbook through the years and save it as a family keepsake!

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