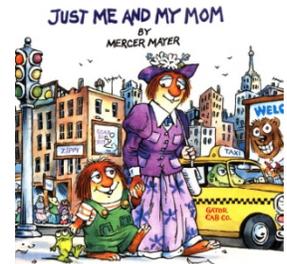




Just Me And My Mom

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In this funny story, little critter tells us about his day with his mom in the city and all the different places they go.

Before:

Introduce the story by telling the children a little bit about the book. Take a moment to look at the cover and use it to create a question to help grab the children's attention. A good example would be, "I wonder where little critter and his mom will go on their day together?"

During:

While you are reading the story, take time to observe the illustrations and ask questions. Talk about how little critter often thinks he is helping mom but he is mostly getting himself into trouble. Point out any "rare words" and help define them in a way that the children will understand best.

Rare Words in *Just Me and My Mom*

Conductor: a person in charge of a train who collects fares and sells tickets

Costumes: a set of clothes used to dress up with

Aquarium: a transparent tank of water used to hold fish and other water creatures

Measure: to collect the size or amount of something

Museum: a building in which objects of historical, scientific, artistic, or cultural interest are stored and exhibited.

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- Where did little critter and his mom go for the day?
- What did little critter's mom ask him to do at the train station? What happened to the tickets?
- Why didn't little critter and his mom stay at the fancy restaurant for lunch? What did they eat instead?
- What did little critter want at the store?
- What did little critter do on the train ride home?



Let's Talk About *Just Me and My Mom*

Just Me and My Mom is all about a day in city for little critter with his mom. They take a train ride, visit museums, aquariums, and even try to dine at a fancy restaurant. What kind of things do you like to do with your mom? Do you go shopping or go to the park?

Just Me And My Mom

Make Mom A Treat! Red Jell-O Hearts

Ingredients:

- Raspberry or Strawberry Jell-O

Directions:

1. Make hearts with red color Jell-o (Raspberry or Strawberry flavors).
2. Prepare the Jell-o according to the Jell-o Jigglers recipe on the box.
3. Pour into shallow pans. Use a heart shaped cookie cutter to cut out the hearts when the Jell-o is set.
4. Serve with strawberry ice cream.



I Love You Mom

I'm going to bake a cake.
With all my love inside.
It's something that I can't hide.

I will not be ashamed.
For on that cake
are some words that are framed

I LOVE YOU MOM!

I wanted to make you something special.
But you already are!

What's inside the kit

- 9 Little Pies Story & Felt Pieces
- Shopping Finger play
- Mom Bingo
- Shape Match
- Flower Sort
- ABC Café File Folder Game
- Shopping Cart Size Sequence

