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This Is The Rope
by Jaqueline Woodson (author)
and James Ransome (illustrator)



When a little girl in South Carolina finds a rope under a tree, she has no idea it will become part of her family's history. For three generations, that rope is passed down, used for everything from jump rope games to tying suitcases onto a car for the big move north to New York City, and even for a family reunion where that first little girl is now a grandmother.

Talking: In ***This Is the Rope***, Beatrice's grandmother moves from the countryside to the big city. Have your child tell you some things that might be found in the country. Farm animals? Bales of hay? What about the city? Tall buildings? Lots of different vehicles? Talk about what it might be like to move from the countryside into the city. How might life be different?

Singing: In the story, ***This Is the Rope***, family history is very important. Think of a lullaby or another song with special significance to your family. Teach the song to your child and sing it together. Find and learn songs about family to sing together.

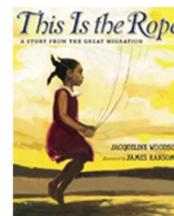
Reading: Look at the cover of the book together. Point out the title, author and illustrator. Talk about what these things are and mean. While reading the story, be sure to occasionally direct your child's eyes to the text by running your finger along underneath the words or asking, "Where are the words on this page?"

Writing: Help your child write his/her name. Point to the first letter in your child's name. See if your child can find objects around the room that begin with the first letter of his/her name, then help her write the names of the objects that begin with this special letter.

Playing: Pretend to pack a suitcase in preparation for a "big move." What would you pack? Where would you go? Map a route together using a real map, or draw your own map.

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