

Book Talk

Fun with *The Man and the Fox*

- Remember to have fun with reading. The most important thing at this age is that your child be exposed to books and reading. Read the story slowly and let it sink in!
- As you read, stop and ask questions. Kids love active reading!
- After you have read the story together, talk about it with your child. There are lots of different things you can discuss. You might ask:

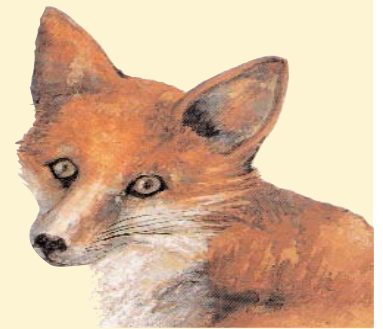
“What part of the story did you like the best? Why did you like that part?”

“Why do you think the man put stones in the bag for the fox?
Why do you say that?”

“Have you ever had a problem like Rowba’s problem?
What was it? How did you solve it?”

“How did Rowba feel when he was in the net? Why did he
feel that way?”

“What other questions can you think of about this story?”



Questions like these have no wrong answers! They encourage your children to think about the story in their own way and help them feel confident about expressing themselves.

- Talk to your children about solving problems. Sometimes children have difficulties and problems that they need to solve. You can remind them about this young fox and how he had to work out what to do to get out of the trap. Remind them that it took him a long time to escape finally. **Problems can be fun to solve!**
- Besides Rowba, ask your children what other animals do they see in the illustrations of this book.
- Besides ants, what other insects do they see in the illustrations of this book?
- How many chickens can they find? Say, “Let’s count them and see!”



In Your Home and Out in the World

Let your child illustrate the story

- Have your child draw his/her favorite part of the story.
- When the picture is done, put it on the wall at a height where your child can see it. Displaying the work that your children do makes them feel proud and gives them confidence.
- **My Name - Letter Hunt:** Write your child's first name on a large piece of paper and let him/her trace the first letter of the name. Say the letter.

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Would your children like to know more about foxes?
Visit your local library –
it has hundreds of books on lots of subjects!

Other Fun Activities!

- **Rock collecting:** Go to the park or on a walk and bring along a small plastic bag or bucket. Let your child look for interesting rocks. Put the rocks in the bucket or bag and take them home. Wash the rocks and let your child paint them or make a design out of the rocks. Look for ways the rocks are different and ways they are the same, such as size, shape, color, weight, texture.
- Use some of the rocks to retell the story of *The Man and the Fox*.
- **Play Picture Memory:** Cut white cards on heavy paper into ten 3" x 4" pieces. Let your child pick 5 elements from the book: animals, insects, flowers or birds. Draw each one twice. For example, 2 foxes, 2 hoopoe birds, 2 rabbits, 2 mice, and 2 flowers. Print the name of what you draw on the bottom of each picture. Mix up the cards and lay them out face down. Take turns with your child, turning over two cards at a time. If they don't match, turn them over again. See how many pairs you can find together!

