

A Pocket for Corduroy

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Dear Family Member,

Here are a few tips for having some family fun with *A Pocket for Corduroy* by Don Freeman and for helping your child become a better reader:

Before you read, look at the cover with your child. Here are a few questions to ask: What might the story be about? What do you think Corduroy is holding in his paw?

As you read, stop at any page you like to discuss the story with your child. You might bring up questions like these: What happens if you leave something in your pocket when your clothes get washed? Has this ever happened to you? Have you ever been to a Laundromat? What did it look like?

After you read, spend a few minutes talking about the book. Here are a few ideas to discuss: How do you think Corduroy felt when he was lost? How do you think Lisa felt when she saw that Corduroy was missing? Have you ever lost something? What was it?

Happy Reading!

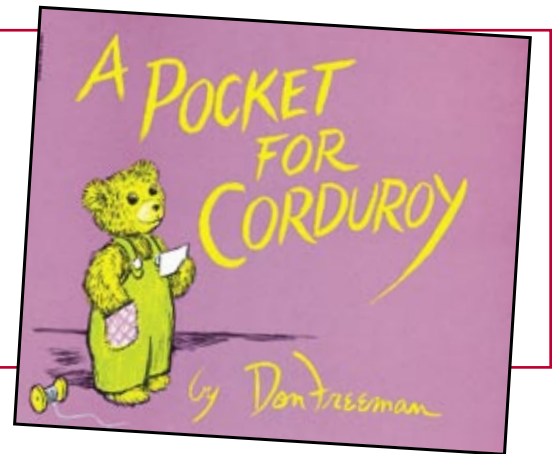


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BOOK SUMMARY

Corduroy is a toy bear who wants a pocket. Children will relate to this story of “lost and found” and enjoy hearing about Corduroy’s adventures in the laundromat!



Talking Together

Corduroy says he always wanted to live in a cave and play in the snow and ski.

Now ask your child to think of something he or she always wanted to do. Invite your child to act it out without using any words. Try to guess what your child is acting out. Now switch places and act out something you’ve always wanted to do while your child guesses!

Ask your child to try acting out different parts of the book. Your child can tell the story in his or her own words and add-on to the story by making up new parts.

Doing Things Together

Count the pockets. Start by inviting your child to draw a picture of a person wearing any type of clothing. Now ask your child to add some pockets to the clothing—as many as he or she wants. How many pockets did your child draw? Count them together. Ask your child what her or she would like to put in each pocket.

Make a pocket. To begin, discuss different kinds of fabric with your child (for example, corduroy, flannel, cotton, velvet, and so on). Look for any fabric scraps you may have in your home. Help your child make a pocket for a favorite toy and sew it on. Together, write the toy’s name on a piece of paper and put it into the new pocket. Now your child’s toy has a pocket just like Corduroy’s!

Mystery Pocket. Begin by helping your child fill a sandwich bag with any item you choose. You might use buttons, dry macaroni, or beans. Ask your child to guess how many are in the bag. Empty the bag and help your child count how many are in it. Compare how many you counted with your child’s guess. How close was it?

Reading More Together

Here are some other books by Don Freeman: *Corduroy*; *Bearymore*; *The Paper Party*; *Quiet! There’s a Canary in the Library*; and *A Rainbow of My Own*.