

Love You Forever

by Robert Munsch

Adults and children will love this heartfelt tale of a parents love that goes full circle from childhood to adulthood.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *This is a book about the unconditional love parents have for their children. Do you know what unconditional love means?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if this little boy is in trouble for all this mess he made?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Love You Forever*

- rocked: to swing backward and forward or from side to side
- teenager: a young person between the ages of 13 and 19

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Has anyone ever flushed something down the toilet that should not have been? How did your parents react?
- Do you enjoy taking baths or would you rather stay dirty?
- Why did the mother sometimes feel like she was at a zoo? Does your house ever feel like a zoo?
- Do any of your parents sing you a song before bed?
- Who can remember how the poem went that the mother would say to her child?

Do

I Love You Sign Language

Show the children how to say "I love you" in sign language. They can practice with each other so they are ready to share with their parents when they arrive.

I	Point to self
Love	Cross arms over chest
You	Point outwards

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