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Activity Sheet



New Shoes for Silvia

By Johanna Hurwitz, illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Silvia can't wait to try on her present from Tía Rosita: new shoes as red as the inside of a watermelon. The shoes are too big for Silvia to wear—but that doesn't stop her from finding lots of ways to enjoy them while she waits for her feet to grow.

Before you read this book, bring a map to show your child(ren) where Silvia and her family lives ("in another America"). You could also bring in a package that is wrapped for mailing or even mail a package to yourself or a child so it will arrive before you read.

While you read this book, bring in items from the story: red shoes, dolls, shells, pebbles, etc. and use them as you read the story.

Here's two of the new words from the book:

Tía: Aunt

Mira: Look

After you read this book, have your child(ren) draw a pair of red shoes, like the new shoes for Silvia.

Check out these other great books about clothing:

Aaron's Shirt by Deborah Gould, Illustrated by Cheryl Harness

Mary Wore Her Red Dress and Henry Wore His Green Sneakers, adapted & illustrated by Merle Peek

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