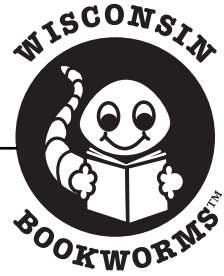


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Activity Sheet



A Pocket Full of Kisses

By Audrey Penn, illustrated by Barbara Leonard Gibson

It's not easy being a big brother! Chester wants his mother to give back his baby brother. He swings on Chester's swing, plays with his toys and reads his books. Now he has taken Chester's special "kissing hand" that his mother gave him when he was a small raccoon. Chester is filled with sadness. Mrs. Raccoon has Chester tuck a "kissing hand" kiss into his pocket. Chester learns that his mother's kisses are never ending even when shared with a younger brother.

Before you read this book: Ask how many of the children have younger or older brothers or sisters. Discuss how it feels to be an older, younger or only child in a family.

While you read this book: Take time to examine the pictures, noticing the wildlife, flowers and other details.

What is Chester feeling in the story? Ask the children if they have ever felt the feelings that Chester has.

After you read this book: Show the children how to seal a business-size envelope. Help them cut across the middle of the sealed envelope to create two pockets. Decorate the pockets with markers or crayons. Cut small and large hearts for the children to put into the pockets. Ask them to glue a small heart on one pocket and a large heart on the other pocket. Have the children sort the hearts by size placing them inside the correct pocket.

More great books by Audrey Penn:

The Kissing Hand

Sassafras

The Whistling Tree

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