At the Market

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At the market you can buy bread.
At the market you can buy milk.
At the market you can buy vegetables.
At the market you can buy fish.
At the market you can buy fruit.
At the market you can buy almost anything.
Story-Sharing Sheet

- Before you and your child read the book, invite him or her to look at the photograph on the cover. Ask the following questions: “Who is in this picture?” “Where are they?” “What do you think they are buying?” “What other things can you buy at a market?” After he or she has explained what is going on in the photograph, ask him or her her if he or she remembers the title of the book. Have him or her point to the title. Then ask him or her to point to the name of the author of the book.

- Ask your child to show you the photographs in the book. Talk about the different items featured in each photograph. Ask your child if they are things your family might shop for at the market.

- As you and your child read the book, ask him or her to point to the words. Pause before reading the last word on each page, and let your child finish the sentence on his or her own. Remind him or her that he or she can use the clues in the photographs in addition to making the sound of the first letter of the word to help him or her figure out any unknown words.

- After reading the book, invite your child to write a list or draw and label pictures of items your family might buy at the market. The list might include milk, meat, fruits and vegetables, cereal, or soaps and other cleaning supplies. It might even include toys, books, and flowers.

- The next time you and your child visit the market, invite him or her to help. Ask him or her to find specific products, or have him or her check items off the list as you place them in your shopping cart.

- Visit the library, and look for other books about markets.
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