

What Moms Can't Do

by Douglas Wood

A tribute to moms and the many problems they must deal with throughout the day.



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, *My mom can't make chocolate chip cookies without me. Is there something in particular that you always help your mom do?* 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 why there aren't any bubbles in that tub?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations and ask questions. Talk about chores around the house and what can be done to help mom, especially on Mother's Day. 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 *What Moms Can't Do*

- advice: somebody's opinion on what should be done
- salamander: a small animal that looks like a lizard
- protection: to keep safe

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Are you easy to wake up in the morning?
- Do you make your bed every day? Does your mom help you?
- Where do you put your dirty clothes?
- If you had a race with your mom, do you think you would win?
- Do you like to go to the grocery store with your mom? Why?
- Have you ever forgotten to take something out of your pocket and it ended up going through the washing machine?
- Does your mom like scary movies?
- What are some of your favorite things to do with your mom?

Do

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