## My Journey Home Family Connection

Your child will listen to and talk about a book called *Curious George's Dinosaur Discovery*. This book tells about a monkey who discovers dinosaur bones.



**Change a Letter** Write these words on a sheet of paper: *bag, bat, pat, fan, rag, ram, dad, rap.* Ask your child to read the words. Then have your child write the same list of words, replacing each letter *a* with the letter *i*. Ask your child to read the new words.



Have your child choose two words from the second list. Work together to write two sentences using the words.



**The Adventures of a Dinosaur** Have your child choose a favorite dinosaur. Work together to make a dinosaur comic book with that dinosaur as the main character. Decide what will happen first, next, and last in the comic. Work together to draw the pictures and write the words.



You and your child can set the story in the past or in modern times.



**Concentration** Write each of these words on two separate slips of paper: *is, how, find, this, will, be, go, for.* Mix the cards and lay them facedown. Take turns flipping over two cards and reading the words. When either of you find a match, pick up and read both cards together.



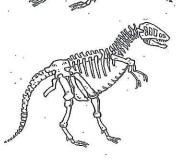
**Learning About Dinosaurs** Read the article below to your child. *Ask*: Why do scientists study dinosaur bones?

## **Dinosaur Bones**

Some scientists dig up dinosaur bones. They can get lots of information by studying the bones.

From the bones, scientists can tell about how big the dinosaur was, how much it weighed, and what it looked like.

From the skull, scientists can learn if the dinosaur had a big brain or a little brain. From the teeth, they can tell if the dinosaur ate plants or meat.





**Dinosaur Dig** You and your child can go on a dinosaur dig via the Internet. Do a search for "dinosaur dig for kids" and see the possibilities. Try creating your own fossils or dinosaur bones from clay or dough, too!



## **Book Links**

- . Dinosaur Roar!, by Paul and Henrietta Stickland
- Mister Bones: Dinosaur Hunter, by Jane Kurtz Challenge



**Internet Challenge** With your child, go to the library or search the Internet to find out more about how and where people hunt for dinosaur bones. Talk about whether this would be a good job and why.