

# My Journey Home

## Family Connection

Your child will listen to and explore a book called *Pie in the Sky*. It tells how a cherry tree grows and produces fruit for a pie.

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**What's My Word?** Write the words *hop, jog, mop, pet, mix, hot, ten,* and *bat* on slips of paper. Place the papers facedown in a pile. Take turns choosing a paper, reading the word silently to yourself, and acting it out for the other person to guess.

**CHALLENGE**

Ask your child to read all the words on the slips of paper. Then work together to write one rhyming word for each of them.

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**Cook It Up!** Look at some illustrated recipes with your child. Talk about how both the words and the pictures give information. The words tell what to do and the pictures show things to use (such as materials and ingredients) and sometimes what the finished product looks like. Choose a recipe to make together, paying attention to the words and the pictures.

DAY  
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**Write It Up** Work together to use the words *make, play, said, she, all, he, we, can,* and *no* to create sentences. Write each word on a slip of paper. With your child, arrange the words into sentence starters that you can complete together. Here are some examples.

She said \_\_\_\_\_. He can play \_\_\_\_\_. She can play all \_\_\_\_\_.

We can all \_\_\_\_\_. We said no \_\_\_\_\_. He said all \_\_\_\_\_.

**Tip!**

Save the word slips in a box so your child can add more as new words are learned.

**Fit for a King** Read the rhyme below to your child. Ask: How do you think the King felt when he found out what was in the pie?

### Sing a Song of Sixpence

Sing a song of sixpence,  
A pocket full of rye;  
Four and twenty blackbirds  
Baked in a pie.  
When the pie was opened,  
They all began to sing.  
Now, wasn't that  
a dainty dish  
To set before the King?



**Fruit Trees** Together, think of a few fruits other than cherries that grow on trees (oranges, peaches, apples, pears, bananas). Draw and label pictures of the trees. Check books or the Internet for reference.



### Book Links

- *Growing Vegetable Soup*, by Lois Ehlert
- *Miss Rumphius*, by Barbara Cooney **CHALLENGE**



**Internet Challenge** Search the Internet or look through a cookbook to find a simple pie recipe you can make with your child. Read and follow the directions together.