

Papa's Coming Home

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Elementary Discussion Guide

About the Story

JoJo and Rosie's Papa has been away on a trip, and they can't wait to welcome him home! They make signs, they pick flowers, and with Daddy's help, they bake a cake and pack the car with absolutely everything Papa might have missed while he was away.

When Papa's plane arrives, they give him a huge hug—but when they bring him to the car, they realize there's one small problem: Where will Papa sit?

About the Author

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Discussion Questions

- ✱ Rosie and JoJo were eagerly waiting for Papa to come home after being away for a week. Why had he been away? Have you missed someone while they were away?
- ✱ What are some of the things at home that Rosie and JoJo think Papa missed when he was away? What are some things you would miss if you were away from home?
- ✱ What did Papa think was the best part of coming home?
- ✱ Papa, Daddy, Rosie, JoJo, and Butter are a family. How is their family different from other families you know, including your family? How is their family the same as other families you know, including yours?
- ✱ What are some ways we can show love to our family even when we're far apart?

Activities

- ✱ Imagine that you are going away from home for a little while. Draw simple pictures or make a list of some of the things you would take with you to remind you of home.
- ✱ Work with a partner to make up a welcome home song and sing it together.
- ✱ Draw your family and share something special about them.
- ✱ Write a letter to someone who is far away or missed. You may ask an adult to help you mail the letter to them.



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