Fly Away Home

READING RAINBOW

The feature book is a touching story of a homeless boy and his father who move from terminal to terminal in an airport, trying not to be noticed and discovered. The boy expresses frustration about being homeless, yet he has hope for the future. Children whose families have been homeless share how this happened and how it felt. LeVar encourages us to make a difference in our communities. Viewers meet a boy who volunteers at City Harvest, an organization which gathers prepared food for distribution to the homeless, and the girl who began Common Cents, an organization whose members collect pennies and use them to buy items for homeless shelters.

Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Hand Wreath

Materials you will need:
· Construction paper of different colors
· Paper plate
· Pencil
· Scissors
· Glue
· Yarn or ribbon

Directions:
1. Cut out the center of the paper plate.
2. Have each family member trace two hand shapes on different colored paper.
3. Cut out the hands and glue them around the paper plate with the fingers pointing away from the center.
4. Poke a hole in the top and attach a piece of yarn or ribbon. You have just made a hand wreath to hang on your door or to give to someone who always lends a helping hand!
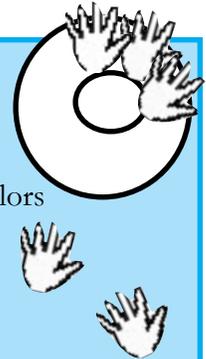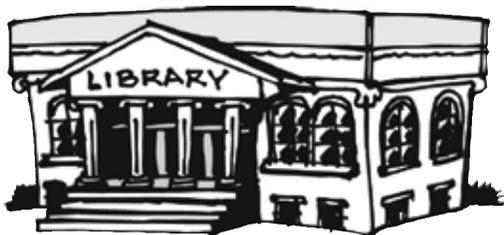
Home Sweet Home

Work together as a family to draw the outline shape of your house or apartment on poster board or a large sheet of paper. Then draw and label each room in your home inside the outline shape. Each family member can then take a turn drawing him or herself in a favorite room doing a favorite pastime. Make a cardboard frame for your house portrait and display it in a room where everyone likes to be.

Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library

♦ *December* by Eve Bunting
♦ *The Lady In The Box* by Ann McGovern
♦ *Uncle Willie And The Soup Kitchen* by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan

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