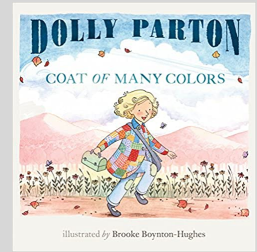




# Coat of Many Colors

By Dolly Parton



Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own. To help make story time more interactive consider using the PEER method described below. Read more about the PEER method [here](#).

## PEER

### PROMPT

Prompt your child with a question. This will help your child engage more deeply with the book.

Example: Point to an object in the picture. "What is that?"

### EVALUATE

Evaluate your child's response by agreeing or clarifying.

Example: "That's right! That's a balloon."

### EXPAND

Expand on your child's response by connecting it to something they have experienced or by being more descriptive.

Example: "That's a big, red balloon! We saw one of those yesterday."

### REPEAT

Repeat the prompt you started with and encourage your child to use what you've discussed to answer again.

Example: "Can you say big, red balloon?"

## Activities

- » After Reading: Listen to the song "Coat of Many Colors" by Dolly Parton. Encourage your child to dance and sing along.
- » Kindness Talk: Have a discussion with your child about the importance of accepting others, regardless of what they look like or what they wear. Ask how they think Dolly felt when others teased her about her coat and discuss what the other kids could have done instead.
- » My Own Coat of Many Colors: Ask your child to tell you about what their coat of many colors would look like if they were to create one. Next, ask them to illustrate a picture of the coat they just described.
- » Read Aloud: Listen to Dolly Parton read *Coat of Many Colors* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jADgHWYT9r8>.

