

When Max leaves his grandfather's house, the moon seems to follow him home.

For the first reading, curl up with your child and read the book together. Enjoy. For the next readings, here are some ideas for activities to do with your child. Don't try to do everything each time you read it. And most of all, have fun and enjoy sharing the story with your child.

Starting Up:

- Read the title aloud and explain what "tag-along" means.
- Point to Max in the cover illustration. Ask what he might see in the sky, and reread the title as a clue.

Reading the Story:

- The first page shows Max and his grandfather in a warm embrace. Give your child a hug and talk about special people in your own family.
- On each page that shows the moon, ask your child, "Where is the moon now? Can you see it?"
- At the end of the story, say, "What do you think about before you go to sleep?"

After the Story:

- Ask your child questions about the story.
 - When Max left his grandfather, where was he headed in the car?
 - How did Max feel when he could no longer see the moon? Did he find it later? How did he feel then?
- Learning on the Go:
 - Look at the night sky with your child and point out the moon if it is visible.
 - Call a family member or friend who lives far away. Ask if they can see the moon just like you can where you live.
 - Ride in a car or bus or train and see if the moon seems to follow your path like it does in the book.

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