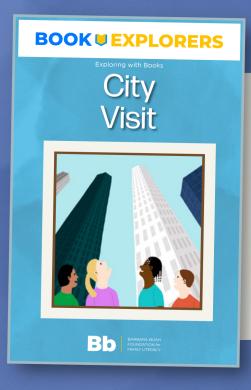
BOOK UEXPLORERS

Exploring with Books

City Visit



BARBARA BUSH'S FAMILY READING TIPS

- Ask questions, talk about the story, and read with expression
- Visit libraries, bookstores, and online reading sites together
- Ask others to read to your child and bring books wherever you go

Parent Guide



ASK:

- What are some different types of communities where people live?
- What are some types of communities that are crowded?
- What are some sounds you might hear in a big city?

2 GO:

Plan a trip to visit a community that is different from where you live. For example, if you live in the country, plan a trip to visit the city.

3 LEARN:

Search online for **information about New York City**. Talk with your child about the different types of buildings, transportation, and homes people live in. Talk about how New York City is similar or different from where you live.

4 READ:

- There Are No Sheep in New York City by Aiden Adams
- The Ultimate Book of Cities by Anne-Sophie Baumann
- Look at That Building!: A First Book of Structures by Scot Ritchie

5 MAKE:

Make a picture of the country and the city.

- Gather paper, crayons, and markers.
- Fold a sheet of paper in half.
- On one side, work with your child to draw and color a picture of a city.
- On the other side, work with your child to draw and color a picture of the country.

6 MOVE:

People usually walk on sidewalks in the city. Take your child somewhere with a sidewalk such as a neighborhood or a city. Take a walk together on the sidewalk and remind your child that it is important to use sidewalks to keep safe from cars.

PLAY:

Build different-sized buildings with your child using blocks or old boxes. Use toy cars to drive around the city and pretend to stop at places like stores and restaurants.

8 WORD TALK:

Turn to the *Word List* in the back of the book. Before reading the book, talk with your child about what the words mean, search online for **pictures of the words**, and point out the words in the text. Check-in with your child after reading the book to see if they remember what the words mean.

9 DISCUSS/DO:

In this book, Max wanders away from the group because he sees an interesting window display at a hobby store. Talk with your child about the importance of being safe when visiting a new place. Work with your child to make a list of things to remember if they ever get lost.

Free Resources to Support Family and Adult Literacy:

Keep reading together!

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