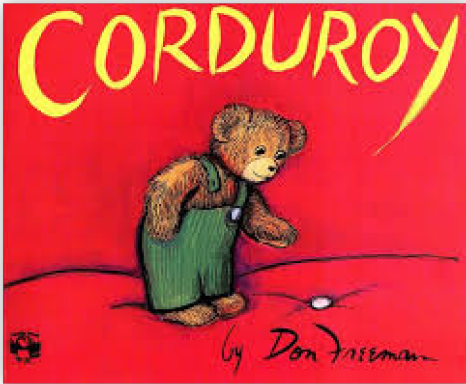




Corduroy

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Themes: Adventure, Belonging, Friendship

Book Brief: A small teddy bear named Corduroy goes on an after-hours adventure through a department store in search of his missing button—and finds a friend instead.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever wanted a toy very badly? What was it? Did you get it?"
- Look at the cover together. Ask your child where they think Corduroy is going.

While Reading: Make Connections

- When the other toys get bought and Corduroy is left on the shelf, ask, "How do you think Corduroy feels right now? What makes you think that?"
- Corduroy pulls at a button on a mattress and falls over. Ask, "What was he trying to do? What happened instead?"
- When Lisa comes back with her own money, ask, "Why do you think she wanted Corduroy even without his button?"

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "Corduroy went looking for a button. What did he find instead? Which one do you think mattered more to him?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Find a shirt or jacket with buttons. Practice buttoning and unbuttoning together, or sew a loose button back on. Talk about how easily Corduroy's button came off.
- Read more books about friendship.
 - Paddington (1958)
 - Noodle and the No Bones Day (2022)
 - We'll Make Things Better Together (2023)