



BOOK TITLE: The Tale of Peter Rabbit
AUTHOR: Beatrix Potter



SUMMARY OF BOOK: Mrs. Rabbit gives Flopsy, Mopsy, Cotton-Tail, and Peter permission to play in the fields and down the lane, but strictly warns them to stay away from Mr. McGregor's garden. Curious Peter disobeys Mrs. Rabbit's fair warning, and finds himself in a frightening situation.

***BEFORE READING** (Ask questions and use what the child already knows to add to the discussion, assisting the child in understanding and enjoying the book):

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| 1. Talk about the cover of the book: the title, the author. "What do you think this book will be about?" Take a picture walk through the book. | we have a garden? What do we grow?" Try to make connections to the child's experience. |
| 2. Ask: "Have you ever seen a rabbit?" "Do | 3. Can your child guess which character might be Peter? Why? |

DURING READING: (ask these questions)

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| 1. "Why was it important for the rabbits to stay away from Mr. McGregor's garden? Do you have any rules like that?" | 3. Discuss and explain words that might be new to your child. |
| 2. Stop periodically and ask your child what he thinks is going to happen or what he thinks Peter might be feeling. | 4. What does your child notice on the page? |
| | 5. Make the sounds as you read: "scr-r-ritch," sneezing. Get excited along with your child! |

AFTER READING (activity to extend book experience):

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| 1. Discuss why it's important to listen and follow instructions. | garden. |
| 2. Ask your child how the story might go if Peter hadn't gone to Mr. McGregor's | 3. Discuss the types of things we can grow in an Alaska garden. Try planting carrot seeds. |

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