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סִרְטוֹנִים

Who dressed up as whom?
You may want to look at the illustrations together, and look for the disguised animals mentioned in the story. Can your child recognize them all? Who, in your opinion, has the best costume? To whom would you have awarded the prize?

חֲגִיגָה

A stuffed animal masquerade
Make costumes and masks for your stuffed toys, set a table with fine food, and sing Purim songs together. Who will win the costume competition, and what will the jackpot be?

מִשְׂחָק

Competition and fair play

You may want to stop reading for a moment at the point where the animals argue, each one thinking it had the best costume, and ask your child to describe the decision-making process for which they would have opted. You could use this book as a platform for discussing achievements, competition, and the feelings associated with winning and losing.

שִׂיחָה

The crafty fox

You may want to discuss the fox's behavior with your child. Did he deserve to win the costume competition? The fox is portrayed as cunning in many stories. Do you know any other books on foxes, such as The Fox and the Grapes, The Chickens and the Fox, or Fox Fables? You could search for them and read them together.

כְּלָלִי

Purim of the past

Do you remember a special childhood costume? You may enjoy sharing childhood experiences related to Purim and dressing up with your child. You could also look at family photo albums, and be reminded of parents', siblings', and children's past costumes.

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Corner, The Melody, and Oded Burla's Big Book. You may want to look for more of his books at the library, and enjoy them together.

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