Continue activities following the story – The Tractor in the Sandbox



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Family Activities

- Uncle Aaron and the tractor work the land together: they pull, mow, plow, harrow, fertilize, reap, and tug. **There are so many words by which to describe working in the field!** You may want to look at the book's illustrations together, and try to identify which type of work is being carried out in each one.
- You may like to look at Uncle Aaron's face. Does he seem to be enjoying his work? What do you think he finds enjoyable? Had Uncle Aaron invited you to join him, **which type of work would you have wanted to perform with him, and why?**
- **You could ask Grandpa, Grandma or an older friend to do something with your child that requires life experience and knowledge**. For instance: cooking, creating or building something together, learning a song or a few words in a foreign language, or planting some flowers.
- **The red tractor went through several "phases":** it worked the soil; served as a children's toy; and finally drove the kids to fieldtrips. Do you have an item or object that is no longer useful? You may enjoy finding a new use for it together (a cracked bowl can serve as a flowerpot, old clothes can form a costume, etc.).
- **Perhaps you would like to build a tractor together using materials you have at home**: cardboard tubes, bottle caps, old boxes, etc. You could paint it the most suitable color for a tractor, and get to work!

Enjoy reading and discussing the book together!

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