Continue activities following the story – How about Changing Places?






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קְרִיאָה

**Reading the illustrations**

You may want to look at the graceful illustrations together. You could stop on each page, and look for amusing details. Have you found the drawing hen, egg-laying boy, and tower-building bee? What else about the illustrations was funny?

לְצֵאת הַחוּצָה

**Everyone goes to kindergarten**

What do you see on your way to kindergarten? Do you, like the child in the story, see a grocery store, a dog, a baby in a carriage, or a café? Does a pink car pass you by? You may want to draw the route to kindergarten together, adding details about the places and people you encounter on your way.

הַמְחָשָׁה

**Acting the story out**

You could act the story out using puppets and stuffed animals. Ask one another: “Would you like to change places? It’ll be such fun!” Perhaps you could add other animals and characters who want to go to kindergarten too.

יְצִירָה

**What day is it today?**

The boy in the story meets a different animal each day. Does your child know the days of the week? Do you have fixed plans, like afternoon classes or other activities on certain days? Or a shorter day on Friday? And what do you do on Shabbat, when you do not go to kindergarten? You may enjoy making a chart representing the days of the week, and drawing your daily activities under each day.

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**Thank G-d it's Friday**

On the final page of the book, the children and animals perform the Friday Night ritual known as Kabbalat Shabbat. How is Shabbat marked in your child’s kindergarten? You may enjoy having your own Kabbalat Shabbat ceremony at home, and sing Shabbat songs, just as they do in kindergarten.

הַשְׁרָאָה

**Kindergarten is the best**

Sometimes it is hard to get up and go to kindergarten in the morning. Is your child always happy to go to kindergarten? After reading this story, you may find a game to make getting ready easier in the mornings, and help your child go to kindergarten with a smile on their face.