Continue activities following the story – Augustus and his Smile (Hebrew title: Prince's Smile)



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Family Activities

"... the tiger understood that a smile would appear on his face each time he felt happy"

Take your child for a walk outdoors and enjoy the nature that surrounds you. Like the tiger, you too can play with crushed leaves, listen to birds chirping and climb up hills.

What makes you and your child smile? You can play "the smiling game" together: Pass a ball between you. Each time one of you tosses or rolls the ball to the other, mention something that makes you happy. Don't forget to smile throughout the game!

Where is our child and his or her smile? You can play hide-and-go-seek throughout the house, looking for each other's smile.

The tiger looked into a puddle and discovered his smile right under his nose. In our homes we don't have puddles but we do have mirrors! Your child can discover his or her smile in the mirror, and make funny faces at his reflection.

Song and dance are natural ways of expressing our happiness. You can sing and dance

with your child, even without a special reason. Think of songs that are especially appropriate, such as “If you’re happy and you know it...”.

At the end of the story the tiger jumps with joy. If the story had continued, he might have even burst into laughter. Do you want to laugh? Here’s a funny way to start: Everyone in the family lies down on the carpet, with one person’s head resting on another’s belly. One member of the family starts to giggle, his or her tummy trembles, and soon you’ll all see how contagious the laughter becomes!

The author and illustrator Katherine Rayner loves the animals she depicts in her books. Our story is accompanied by special drawings. Go through the book with your child, noting how the tiger looks when he has lost his smile, and how he appears when he finds it in the puddle.

“Augustus and his Smile” is the first Sifriyat Pijama book of the year. Reading books together as a family is one way to bring joy and happiness into the home, and can put a smile on everyone’s faces. Enjoy!

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