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Illustrations: **Liat Yaniv**
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Age Group: **Preschool (3-5)**

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Activities You Can Do at Home

- "Take a walk" with your children through the pages of this book. Examine the illustrations closely and find what is being described in the song. The illustrator, Liat Yaniv, added details that do not appear in the text. See if you can find them!
- The illustrations are masterpieces of glued strips of colored paper. Even very young children can make a picture by gluing strips of paper. You can tear or cut pages from old magazines and make a colorful collage out of the strips.
- The song "A Short Walk" has a simple melody with a beat that is well suited to the pace of walking. If you know the tune, you might sing the song together. You could also find other songs by Naomi Shemer and put together a little Naomi Shemer Song-Book for a family singing night.
- The song's lyrics reflect the landscape of Naomi Shemer's childhood, which she spent on a kibbutz by the Sea of Galilee. What does your own neighborhood look like?
- Like the children in the song, you might go on a short walk close to home. Each member of your family could take turns saying what s/he sees: "I see an ant!" "I see a bird!" Do you all notice the same things?
- Going for a walk together offers a wonderful opportunity for conversation. You might ask your children what excites and what amazes them, and then share your

own thoughts and feelings with them.
- After your walk is over, you might sketch the route from your house to the children's kindergarten, and then add illustrations showing the plants and creatures that you met along the way.

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