Continue activities following the story - Vineyard



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Activities You Can Do at Home

- Discuss together the fox's behavior: do you think it paid off? Was there some other course of action he might have taken, without going hungry and getting so thin – twice?
- Flip through the book and ask your children to tell you the fable using only the pictures as a guide. Pay special attention to the details the illustrator added – for example, what is the fox dreaming about? What other animals appear in the pictures but not in the story?
- The fox really wanted those grapes and was willing to go to tremendous lengths in order to reach them. You might talk with your children about something they might really want, and about what sort of effort they'd be willing to invest to obtain it. Do you know any other fables? The original story appeared in Midrash Kohelet Rabbah, and was included in Haim Nachman Bialik's Book of Legends, which anthologized hundreds of fables from the Talmud and Midrash. You can find lots more fables and stories of our sages online: in Hebrew at http://agadastories.org , and in English at http://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/112670/jewish/Fables-Parables.htm.
- The fox "stars" in many tales and fables. You might discuss with your children the

fox's sly and clever nature. Do you know any other stories featuring a fox (for example, "The Fox and the Chickens" by Haim N. Bialik, or other fox fables)?
- Your children may act out the story using a doll or stuffed animal. When the skit is finished, you can offer both actors and audience bunches of grapes for refreshment!

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