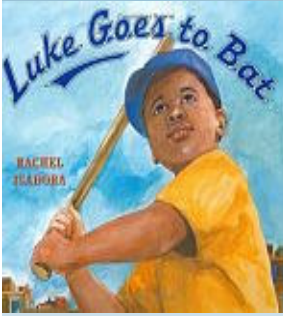


Beyond the Book...

Title: Luke Goes to Bat

Author: Rachel Isadora



Summary: This story is about a little boy named Luke. A lot of the kids in the neighborhood get together and play stickball. After sitting out many times, Luke finally gets to play but strikes out. Luke's grandmother takes him to a baseball game where he sees his favorite player Jackie Robinson hit a home run after two strikes. Luke's grandmother says "see you can't give up" and the next day Luke hits the ball.



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Before Reading...

Ask questions to use what your child already knows to help him/her understand and enjoy book:

- What does it look like this little boy is playing? Have you ever played a game like this?
Tell me about it.
- Tell me what you know about the game of baseball.
- Have you ever been to a baseball game?

During Reading...

As you read the book talk with the child about the story and the illustrations. Ask questions such as:

- How do you think is made Luke feel when the kid called him a "squirt" and laughed at him? Has someone ever called you names? How did it make you feel?
- How would you feel if you were Luke and you got to play with all the older kids for the first time?
- Do you think Jackie Robinson heard Luke in the crowd at the game? Why or why not?

After Reading...

- Look in the sports section of the newspaper to see what sporting events are available in your town.
- If an older brother, sister or friend has a baseball uniform that you can borrow, let your child dress up in it and pretend to be a baseball player.
- Go on a scavenger hunt around the house things that are round like a baseball.

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