

The Parent Connection



Guide for: ***Could Anything Be Worse?*** retold by Marilyn Hirsh

Child's Name

Date Completed:

Understanding the Story

Was the rabbi silly or wise?

Words to Watch

scolds miserable relatives paradise

Jewish Concepts

1. Rabbi as counselor
2. Hokhmah: Wisdom

Beyond the Book

1. Do you remember times when it was too noisy or crowded in your house? How did you feel?
2. Did you ever think of a wonderful solution to a problem?
3. The man discovered that it could always be worse. Imagine what it felt like on Noah's Ark. Would that have been worse? How about the old woman who lived in a shoe?
4. Did you ever have a problem, and you didn't know what to do?
5. Whom do you go to when you need advice? Why?

Complementary Activities

1. There are always two ways of looking at things. Parent illustrate with examples (e.g.-glass ½ empty or ½ full).
2. Collect "props" for the story (toy people, animals, etc.). Retell the story using the "props."

✓ ***Please check those activities completed.***