



Responsible, Routine Role-Play

Materials:

Helping Hands template and props for various household tasks (e.g., toy broom, dish towel, rag, small bucket)

Prep:

Create a role-playing area with the props.

Instructions:

1. Read the story aloud. Show the pictures and encourage your child to pay attention to what Andy is doing.
2. After reading, ask questions about the story. Discuss the importance of helping each other and the sense of pride that comes from completing tasks.
3. Ask your child to role-play various helpful tasks from the story (e.g., sweeping, washing dishes, wiping windows).

Kindness Learning

Explain what it means to be responsible and take care of one's home and environment. Provide tangible examples of how you take responsibility for your home and space to help your child's understanding.

After the role-play fun, ask your little one what the experience of helping at home was like and how it feels to contribute. Explain how it makes you feel to be responsible and take care of your space. Reinforce the idea that even small actions can make a big difference in your family.

Math

Create a responsibility chart where your child can track being helpful, such as cleaning up after snack time, putting books back on the shelf, helping you tidy up or prepare meals, etc. Routinely ask your child to count the number of chores completed.

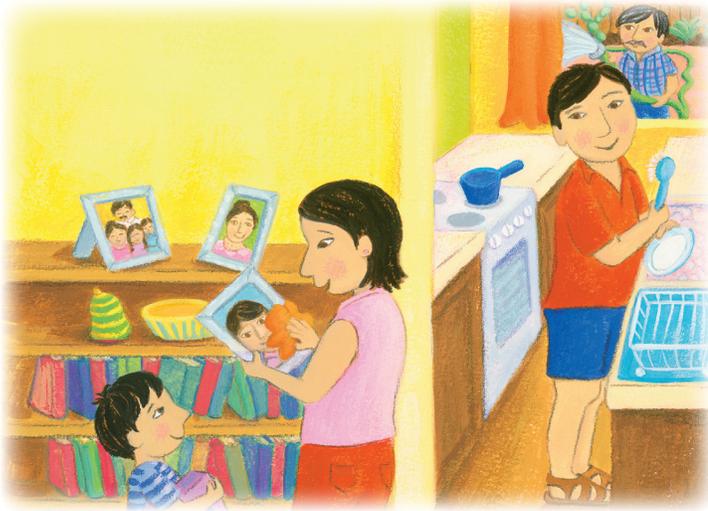
Creativity

How else can we be helpful at home? Discuss with your little one additional chores that extend beyond the story that can be added to the chart and completed, such as setting the table, watering plants, or sorting laundry. Have fun with it!

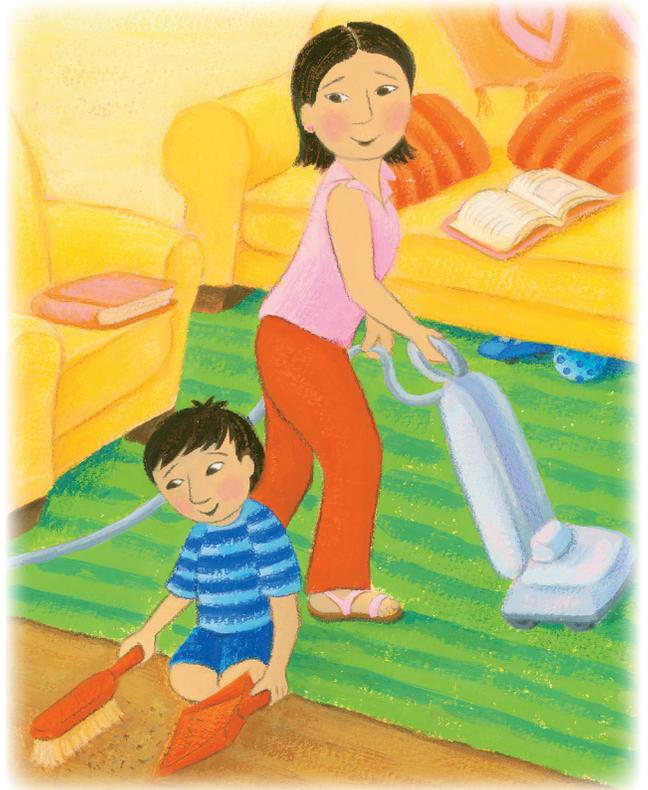
Arts and Crafts/Gross Motor

Have your child create "Helping Hands" by tracing hands and decorating them with pictures of chores.

Helping Hands



Andy wants someone to play with him.
But everyone is cleaning.
“Can I help?” Andy says.
“Yes, you can help,” says Mom.



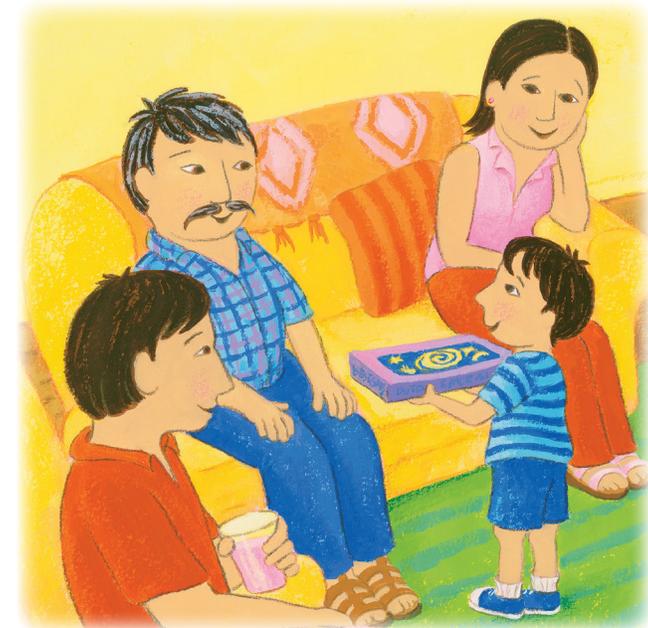
Andy gets a small broom.
“I can sweep,” he says.



Dad is washing the dishes. Andy gets a towel.
“I can dry,” he says.



Grandpa is washing windows. Andy gets a rag.
“I can wash,” he says.



Soon, the house is clean.
“Now what can we do?” asks Dad.
Andy gets out his game. “We can play!”