



BOOK GUIDE SHEET

Green is a Chile Pepper

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“Children discover a rainbow of colors in the world around them: Red spices, yellow tortillas, white flowers, blue skies...and much more!”

REMEMBER TO:

1. Try to sit with your child between you and your Early Learning Specialist.
2. Invite your child to look and listen.
3. Show and read the title page.
4. Show and describe how to turn the pages and handle the book.
5. Allow your child to hold the book, see the pictures and turn the pages.
6. Read slowly enough for your child to understand.
7. Stop periodically to ask questions about the story and pictures.
8. Follow your child’s lead. Notice what your child is looking at or talking about and comment about it.

Name and encourage your child to point out and name:

- **Labels:** rice, ribbon, bow, skirt, plate, bread, pumpkin, piñata, star, lanterns, cornstalks, chile pepper, flowers, rainbow
- **Colors:** red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, brown, white
- **Shapes and sizes:** round tortilla, rectangular blanket, tall cornstalk, long churro
- **Numbers:** How many red things can you find in the picture? Green?
- **Cause and effect:** When the piñata breaks open, all the goodies fall out.
- **Spatial relationships:** The woman is sitting on the bench. The cilantro is inside the pot.

Ask questions related to the story and pictures to help your child reason things out:

- Why do you think the children are happy?
- What do you think they are celebrating?
- What do you think the children are making?

Invite your child to tell about experiences related to the story and pictures:

- What are some of your holiday traditions?
- Have you ever seen a chile pepper before? What colors are they?
- Have you ever been to a carnival? What did you do?

For more fun with your child:

- After you read the book, you can go on a color hunt with your child. How many green things can you find? How many purple? Can you count them?

Remember throughout the home visit to:

ENCOURAGE your child to talk.

PRAISE your child.

ASK your child questions.

HELP your child when needed.

LISTEN to your child's answers.

RESPOND to your child's answers.

Have fun! Show your child that reading is enjoyable.