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Age Group: **Preschool (4–6)**

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Proposed Family Activities

- Each member of Ury's family suggests another humor-filled interpretation of his utterings, all of which have been illustrated by Ora Ayal. You may enjoy looking at the illustrations together, and suggesting that your child draw their own interpretation of what Ury said.
- Jonathan hears half a word and understands what Ury meant. You too can be "interpreters": pick an object in the room and say the first half of its name. The "interpreter" must then guess what you were referring to. Once they've guessed, you can switch roles.
- Jonathan is five years old, "which is exactly in between being small and being big". This may be a good opportunity to ask your child when they enjoy being small, and when they prefer being big.
- Isn't it fun to speak a language only you can understand? You could invent your own vocabulary and write it in your own private dictionary. How would you say "it's dinnertime"? Or "good morning"? or "I'd like a kiss"?
- Brothers can help one another at any age. You may want to share a childhood experience with your child in which you experienced or did something with a sibling. Grandparents are also welcome to share sibling stories.
- Many remember their children's delightful mispronunciations when they first

learned to speak. Do you? Your children will surely love to hear them. You can write them down here for them to remember:

- After you have read the story, you may want to visit a nearby art museum or gallery with your child. You could also go online and look at images from art exhibitions across the globe.
- Bezalel Art School is well-known in Israel today, but few know the name Boris Schatz. Many people have done great things but are not remembered for them. Try to think of a person in history that you have heard of or know about, whose story you would like to share with your child. You could create a short book about this person and send it to us. **Enjoy reading and discussing the story together!**

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