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Proposed Family Activities

- You may want to sit close to one another, and read the book together. You could take a good look at the colorful illustrations that accompany the story. How do we illustrate dreams? What colors has the illustrator used? What can we see in the illustrations that does not appear in the text itself? Try to imagine what your dream garden would look like. What would you have liked to grow in it?
- The girl in the story helps her mother take care of her garden. Do you have a garden, or some houseplants? How does your child help you around the house? You may want to remind one another of times and cases in which they were able to lend a helping hand.
- The girl in the story dreams of flowers that never wilt. You too can make such flowers together. You could use tissue paper, pieces of fabric, or even an empty carton of eggs. Perhaps you could tape the flowers to a straw or bamboo skewer, and "plant" them in the garden, or a window box, or even inside an empty water bottle.
- Following this story, you may enjoy discussing dreams and aspirations. Let your imaginations run wild: which of your dreams can come true, and which cannot? What is required in order to make the dream come true?
- It is easy to make chocolate shells, bunnies, and hearts: melt some chocolate with

a little oil in the microwave oven, and pour the liquid into small silicone baking molds, or ice-cube trays. It only takes a few minutes in the freezer for the chocolate to harden, and assume the form of the mold!

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