Continue activities following the story - Grandmother's Coat



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Age Group: **Preschool (4-6)**

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Family Activities:

- Ruthi proclaims that "there's no other coat like this in the world!" You may ask your children what it is that makes Grandmother's coat so special. Ask them to describe the coat in their own words. Don't forget to note the soft material and the surprise-laden pockets! Do you have special clothes or objects that help you feel better? This is an opportunity to remind children of blankets, stuffed animals or a special cloth that help them feel calm in times of distress.
- Dressing up in costume is a wonderful way to foster one's imagination. You can provide old clothes, hats and other props to encourage your children's make-believe play. You may dress up in a big old coat and, adding a few other relevant props, can act out the story together.
- Many of us have childhood memories connected to touch. Do you too have a distant recollection of a special piece of clothing? You can share this childhood memory with your child and tell them about the special connection you had with the clothing, or with your grandparents, aunts or uncles.
- The "It's Like" game: The author Miriam Roth compares the feel of Grandmother's coat with the fur of a cat. You can make up a word game to play with your children: Place objects made from different materials – e.g., metal, plastic, cloth, etc. – into a large bag. One by one, each player removes an object

from the bag and describes the object declaring “It’s soft like…”, “It’s cold like…”, “It’s coarse like…”

- Ask your child to show you the picture depicting Ruthi sick in bed. You can ask them how they feel when they’re sick. What helps us feel better? Do you have any special “family remedies” that were passed down from generation to generation? You can ask a grandparent, aunt or uncle what they recommend to overcome a sad mood or a mild cold.

- If your child has a grandparent, aunt or adult friend who lives nearby, reading the story together could be a special treat for both of them, and lead to closer relations between the generations.

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Miriam Roth

Miriam Roth (1910-2005) was a well-known children’s author and educator. In 1998 she won the UNICEF Smile Award for her book “A Tale of Five Balloons”, and in 2002 was awarded the prestigious Bialik award for literature. Roth’s books include Israeli children’s classics such as “Tiras Cham”, “Maaseh shel Hamisha Balonim”, and “Habayit shel Yael”.