



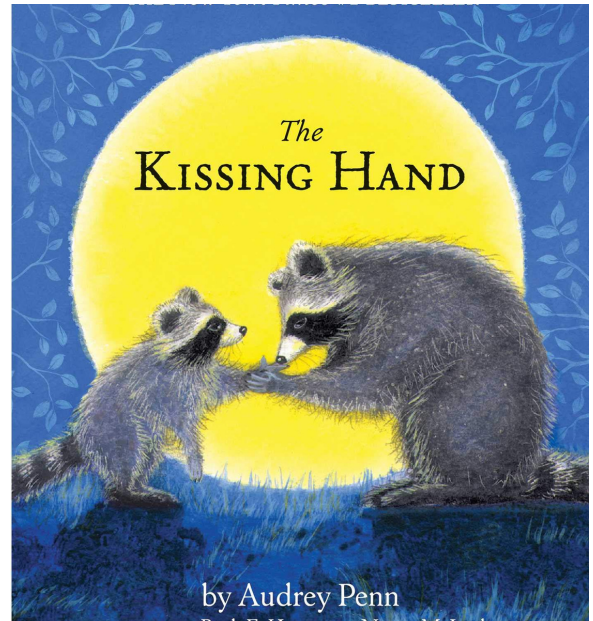
THE KISSING HAND

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SUMMARY

Chester Raccoon is nervous about going to school for the first time. He doesn't want anything to change because he likes his life of being home with his mom and playing with his friends. He's worried. His mom wants to help him feel reassured and safe, so she teaches him about the Kissing Hand.

A classic in children's literature, this book will charm mothers and children everywhere.



Questions:

1. How did you feel on your first day of school? Were you nervous or excited? A little bit of both? Did you want to stay home? Do you know anyone who felt differently than you did? Does everyone feel the same about everything?
2. How can you help someone who is nervous feel better? When you've been nervous in the past has anyone helped you to feel better? Does it feel better when you don't have to do the thing that makes you nervous alone?
3. Why does the kissing hand make Chester feel better? Can his mom go to school with him? Can she go with him in his heart and in his hand?
4. Why should we tell the people we love how much we care? How does it feel when people tell us they love us? How do you think other people feel when we tell them we love them?
5. Will the kissing hand give Chester the bravery to go to school for the first time? Can we help other people to be brave, or does being brave mean we have to do everything on our own?
6. Why do you think Chester gives his mother the kissing hand? Is she afraid of anything? Is it important to feel loved every day, or does it only matter on the special days when we need it extra?

SHOW KIDS HOW TO SAY I LOVE YOU IN SIGN LANGUAGE FROM THE LAST PAGE OF THE BOOK.

7. Should you try to make sure you tell people you love them every day? Should you just tell your family that you love them, or should you tell your friends, too?