



Book Review

Do I Have A Daddy?: A Story About A Single-Parent Child Written by Jeanne Warren Lindsay, Illustrated by Jami Moffett

If you are a single parent and your young child is beginning to wonder about his/her family makeup, Do I Have A Daddy? is a sweet little book supportive to both you and your child in beginning an age-appropriate, positive conversation about the out-of-the-picture parent. It is both a storybook for children and a “how-to” manual for the single parent. While the characters are a young boy and a single mom, adapting the story to most any single-parent or non-traditional family would take only a little creativity. When the boy in this story gets teased about his different family situation he is confused, hurt, and curious. The mom recognizes this as an opportunity to ease into a discussion without giving her son more information than is appropriate for a child his age. She manages to be truthful without putting down the father, and sensitive without glossing over the situation. She matter-of-factly helps her child understand that he is not to blame. She tactfully comforts and distracts him by mentioning the loving people that are in his life.

The “Special Section for Single Parents” has helpful hints for both the divorced and the never-married parent. The writer addresses truthfulness, positivity, timing, addressing your own feelings, and the importance of other role models. Notes from single-parent readers are included adding a rich variety of views and examples.

Do I Have A Daddy? is a well-written and beautifully illustrated children’s book that is useful, practical and a pleasure to read.

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