LAST STOP ON MARKET STREET
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This activity guide is to encourage your child to develop a lifelong love of reading. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is powered by United Way of the Plains. This resource was compiled by students at Wichita State University.
Tips for the Reader

This story is about a boy, CJ, and his grandma on the bus ride home from school. CJ’s grandma teaches him to see the beauty where others don’t and to be thankful for what you have.

New words and sounds your child might learn: beautiful, arcing, freckled, umbrella, creaked, lurched, swirling, graffiti

Before Reading:

• Point to the bus and say “This is CJ’s bus, do you see how many people are on the bus?”
During the book:

- With your child, notice all the different colors and detail on the pages.
- Use different voices for CJ and his grandma to illustrate the story better to your child.
- Point out the different people on the bus CJ and his grandma talk about, like the man with the guitar or the blind man with the spotted dog.

After the book:

- Talk about how sometimes your child can struggle to see the beauty in things.
- Show them to be appreciative of what they have, like CJ had to learn to value riding the bus.

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play, too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.
Picture Collage

Make a collage out of pictures of different things you see on your way home

Supplies You’ll Need

1. Copier Paper
2. Safety Scissors
3. Glue
4. Magazines

Assembly Instructions

1. Pick out pictures from a magazine of things that you see on your way home.
2. Cut out the pictures you find.
3. Glue them onto a piece of copier paper to make a collage.
Little Bus Rider Activity

Supplies You’ll Need

1. Crayons
2. Prompt sheets on the next pages
Help CJ and Nana get from church to the soup kitchen by riding the bus through the maze!
Color your own bus and fill it with passengers.