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Mommy Is Going Abroad (Halo Books Book 1)



Synopsis

This cute children's picture book introduces Halo, a sweet toddler who finds out her mommy is leaving for five days. She doesn't understand what it means, but then learns how to tell each day has passed. This way it's much easier to wait until she can finally see mommy again!! I wrote this book for my daughter when she was two years old. I had to leave for five days and was afraid she would feel abandoned or scared having her mom suddenly disappear. My friends told me horrible stories about their children's reaction to them when they had returned home from a vacation. Some didn't want their mom to come near them, others experienced some regression. I figured one of the reasons for these reactions was that their toddlers simply weren't prepared for this situation. They didn't know what a "day" meant, or how to predict when this would be over and they could see their mom or dad again. I wanted to give my daughter a way to quantify the days that pass, and this book was the perfect way! I read it to her several times before I left, and her father read it to her when I was away. When I came back home she simply jumped with joy and experienced no issues whatsoever. I felt this book helped her stay securely attached to me - mission accomplished!

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Customer Reviews

What a cute little picture book! First off, I love the little girl's name in the story, Halo is certainly an unusual but beautiful name. The plot of the book is fairly simple, Halo is a little girl whose Mommy is about to go abroad for five days, but Halo isn't quite sure how to tell when those five days will be over and she can expect her Mommy to be back home. It isn't really explained in the story how the solution came to be, but I assume her parents decided that a good way for Halo to count down the days would be to have her eat a different fruit every day before bed and use that as a way to count down until the last day. What a creative and cute idea! I love how healthy eating habits are used to help solve the problem too! You really should read the book to see how it turns out! By the way, I learned something new from this book at the age of 34! Who knew that cucumbers are actually fruits? I didn't! Parents will love this book because it is cute, educational, advocates healthy habits, and is a short, simple bedtime read!

I had always found it hard to explain the concept of time to my children when they were young, especially when they were eagerly and impatiently waiting for something. So when I my daughter got her own daughter, I understood her frustration when it came to explaining to her child, when exactly she was going to get home from her travels. Then someone prescribed the book Mommy is Going Abroad. This book was heaven sent and timely, my daughter was leaving for a week and through the help of the book, we were able to make the waiting more bearable for my three year old granddaughter. She knew when a day was over and every new day was more exciting for her because it meant mummy was about to com back. The book helped me explain why mommy was away and eliminated the resentment my granddaughter felt for her mother every time she traveled. If you have a hard time explaining your time away, during travel, to a toddler; look no further, this is the book for you.

The book makes it easier for kids to understand the concept of time. My nephew has a hard time understanding the concept of time and he read the book with me and we went over it a few times so I could explain that if you eat this snack today that is 1, and tomorrow you get this fruit like Halo does, that is 2 days. He loved the book as well did I. It is very well written for children to understand time.

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