

Family Reading Guide for:

Growing Vegetable Soup written and illustrated by Lois Ehlert

Below are some comments and questions to use when you share this book with your child. Pick a few that interest you and maybe add some of your own! The idea is to enjoy sharing the book with your child and talking about it as you read.

Explore the story together, talk about it, and most of all have FUN!

Note: Page number 1 is the first page of the story with writing. Before they first share the book with their child, some people like to put small numbered sticky notes or *very* light pencil markings in the book to tell them what page they are on. It does make it easier to use these questions!

The first page of this book begins with the words: Dad says we are going to grow vegetable soup.

Page	Question
Cover	What is your favorite vegetable?
1	This sounds like fun! What are some fun activities we have done together?
2–3	Vegetables need soil to grow. What do we need to grow?
6–7	The way vegetables look changes as they grow. Let's look at some old pictures of you and see what you looked like when you were a "sprout."
14–15	It takes patience to grow plants. What else takes patience?
18–21	Let's name some vegetables. Do we harvest the part that grows above ground or below?
24–25	What tools do we use in the kitchen? Are there any rules about these tools?
26–27	What have we made together in the kitchen?
28–29	How do you think the child in this story felt about the soup they made with their dad?
Whole book	What did you think about the pictures in this book? Do you want to draw some of the vegetables we read about?
Whole Book	Have we read any other books about vegetables? (Carrot Seed, Peter Rabbit, etc.)