

Family Reading Guide for: *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats

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 One winter morning Peter woke up...

Page	Question
Cover	Share the book title and name of the author and illustrator. Look at the cover, front and back. Ask: What do you notice?
1	Did we ever wake up to a snowy day? What do you remember about that day?
4	What sound did Peter's feet make as he walked in the snow? (Crunch) Let's say it together three times.
6	Stop reading and let your child fill in the blank: "He dragged his feet (slowly) to make tracks. Look at how the author wrote s-l-o-w-l-y.
9	Uh, oh. What do you think is going to happen when Peter smacks the snow-covered tree?
13	What is fun about a snowball fight? Is anything about it not fun? Should Peter wait until he is older?
15	Peter made angels. Some people call them snow angels. Do you know what an angel is? What makes Peter's designs look like angels?
18	What do you think might happen to the snow in Peter's warm house?
19	What adventures do you think Peter is telling his mother about?
19	Can you tell me about an adventure that you have had?
22	Aw, Peter was sad that his snowball was not there. What do you suppose happened to it?
26	What do you think Peter and his friend will do together in the deep, deep snow?