

HOME Story Time Discussion | February 2021

Lynden Sculpture Garden

HOME program: www.home-at-lynden.org

Recordings and downloads: www.lyndensculpturegarden.org/calendar/home-story-time

Book, English & Vietnamese: *Going Home, Coming Home* by Truong Tran and Illustrated by Ann Phong

HOME Story Time Reader: Don Mai

Art activity by Lynden art educator: Claudia Orjuela

Activity 2: Find, Look, and Point Out!

After reading Ami Chi's story, use your memory, or find these prompts in the HOME Story Time recording.

1. When Ami Chi and her parents arrived in Vietnam, her uncle Binh picks them up at the airport. He pinches her cheeks, then he bends over and gives Ami Chi a pretty paper fan. Find the paper fan in the book. Count how many paper fans are in the page?
2. When Ami Chi meets Thao and her brother Tuan at the market, Thao offers baby dried bananas to Ami Chi as a snack. Ami Chi loves this snack so much, she could spend her whole life eating this. Find Thao holding a rooster while Ami Chi eats baby dried bananas in the book.
3. Thao shows Ami Chi a new game. Thao spills small sticks on the ground, then using her chopsticks she picks up one of the sticks being very careful and patient. When Ami Chi's turn comes, her clumsy fingers can't get it right. She keeps trying until she gets better at it. Find the two friends playing the chopsticks game in the book.
4. Ami Chi realizes that she lost her parents in the market; her parents may be worried! But it begins to rain, and she and her new friend Thao forget that she's lost. The deliciously cool water touches her face and her friend Thao holds her hand. They kick puddles at each other. They catch raindrops in their tongues. Find the two friends, holding hands, under the rain in the book.
5. After two weeks in Vietnam, Ami Chi and her parents are on their way back to America. It's time to say goodbye to her grandma. *Bà ngoại*, which means grandmother in Vietnamese, stuffs dried bananas in her pockets and hides rivers of tears behind her hands. She touches Ami Chi's heart with her hand and Ami Chi kisses Grandma's cheek. Find *Bà ngoại* and Ami Chi hugging and saying goodbye.