

Martha Says It with Flowers

About the Story

Martha wants to do something special for Grandma Lucille's birthday. What would be a truly thoughtful gift?

Special Words

considerate: Being *considerate* means being nice and thinking about other people's feelings.

inconsiderate: *Inconsiderate* is the opposite of *considerate*. It means to just think about yourself and to not care about other people's feelings.

thoughtful: Being *thoughtful* means being kind to someone because you care about him or her. The words *thoughtful* and *considerate* mean the same thing.

sincere: When you are *sincere*, you speak from the heart and say things that you really mean.

Materials

Activity: Make a Thank You Card

Book: _____

Reading Buddies Journal

Little Buddy Certificate of Achievement

Pencils, markers, scissors

Before meeting with your Little Buddy, work with your Big Buddy partner to:

- Read and role-play the session plan.
- Read the Activity directions.
- Read the selected book aloud. Ask and answer the questions.
- Look over the Certificate of Achievement you will fill out with your Little Buddy.
- Review the *Journal* activity.



Thank you for being so thoughtful.

Watch Together: “Martha Says It with Flowers”

- Watch the show with your Little Buddy.
- Listen for the “special” words.
- Find a place where you and your Little Buddy can talk, play, and read together.

Talk and Play Together

Talk with your Little Buddy. Share your ideas, too.

- When Martha got on the bus with her basket of flowers, how did she act to the other people on the bus? Was she **considerate** or **inconsiderate**? Why do you think so?
- When Grandma Lucille said “thank you” to Martha for the handkerchief at the bottom of the basket, do you think she was being **sincere**? Why do you think so?
- What sort of **thoughtful** gifts have you given to people? (You can tell your Little Buddy about some of the thoughtful gifts you’ve given.)

Activity: Make a Thank You Card

- Help your Little Buddy make a thank you card for a family member or friend.
- You’ll need markers and scissors. Follow the directions on the “Make a Thank You Card” Activity Sheet.

Read Together

Read the story aloud. Use the special words from the MARTHA SPEAKS show as you talk about these questions with your Little Buddy. Be sure to share your ideas, too.

- Was there a character in this story who was considerate? What did he or she do that was thoughtful?
- Was there a character in this story who was inconsiderate? What did he or she do?
- Show me your favorite picture in the book. What do you like best about it?

Write Together

- Look at the picture in the Reading Buddies Journal.
- Say to your Little Buddy, Let’s **pretend** that we’re going to make birthday baskets for someone in our family. Who would you like to make a basket for? What **thoughtful** things would you put in it?
- Write your Little Buddy’s answer in the Journal. If there’s time, help your Little Buddy draw a picture to go with the answer.

Celebrate!

Congratulations! You and your Little Buddy have successfully completed the MARTHA SPEAKS Reading Buddies Program. To celebrate, help your Little Buddy fill in his or her name on the Certificate of Achievement (in the back pocket of this guide). Then sign your name on the bottom. Woof, woof, hooray!