

# STORYTELLER

## Mama, Do You Love Me?



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### WORD WALL: LOVE

Affection, devotion, fondness, love, warmth.

### SYNOPSIS

An Inuit girl asks her mother if she loves her. In response, her mother makes analogies to animals to demonstrate the love she has for her daughter. The girl asks her mother if she would still love her even if she did bad things or turned into scary animals. Her mother assures the girl that even if she is angry or scared, she will love the girl no matter what.

### DISCUSSION

**Say:** This is a story about an Inuit mother and daughter. The Inuit people live in the far northern areas of Alaska, Canada, Siberia, and Greenland. **Show** the geographical locations of the Inuit on a world map. **Expand:** People used to call the Inuit people 'Eskimos.' But today, they are officially known as the Inuit. In the Inuit family, everyone has to help, including the children. The family members help each other cook, make warm clothes, and waterproof clothes. **Say:** The mother in the story represents unconditional love. She will love her daughter no matter what the daughter does. **Ask:** What is something or who is someone that you love no matter the circumstance? How do you show you care about the people you love?

### GROUP ACTIVITY

**Say:** In this story, the mother tells the girl she loves her forever and always. Even if the girl turned into a bear and chased her. It is important to tell the people we love that we

love them. Showing that we care makes others feel appreciated. In the following activity, we will be the mother of the story and tell someone we care about that we will always care for them, no matter what. Just like how the book included illustrations to help us imagine the scenarios that the girl described, we will also be including drawings. **Distribute** the attached worksheet and **say:** We are sometimes disappointed or offended by what other people say or do. But it does not mean that we stop loving them or caring about them. This is what the Inuit mother is teaching her daughter in the story. Today, we will use the same story structure to write a note to a parent or another family relative. In your note, let them know that you will always love them even if they do something that frustrates you. Provide a concrete example, such as 'even if you do not let me have dessert' or 'even if you wash and shrink my favorite sweater.' Include a drawing and decorate your note.

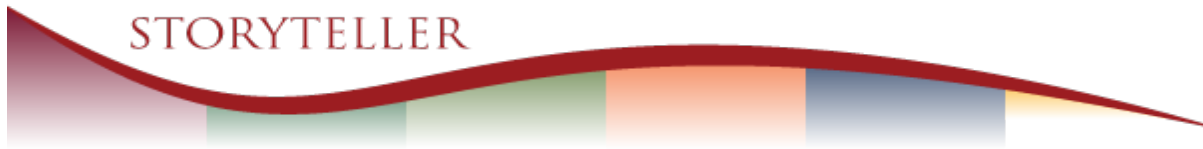
### AT-HOME ACTIVITY

**Say:** At the back of the book, there is a guide that provides context for some of the words in the story. The descriptions of words are like definitions in the dictionary that also include important cultural information. **Show** the children this section and read aloud as many examples as possible. **Say:** At home, draw a picture about the life of the Inuit. It can be an igloo made of ice blocks, a picture of an Inuit girl, arctic animals, or sleds.



### KINDNESS REQUIRES EMPATHY

Kindness is the desire to lift others' spirits, help the ones in need, and mend relationships. Kindness requires that I take the time to listen, understand, and take action to benefit other people and the world.



### Worksheet: Kindness and Love

Today, we read the book, *Mama Do You Love Me?*, about a mother's love to her daughter. Use the story structure to communicate to your father, mother, or other family relative, that you will always feel love and connection to them. For example, "Dear mom, I will love you even if you clean my room and destroy my Lego building. Love, Pam." Decorate and add an illustration to your note.

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I will always love you, even if \_\_\_\_\_

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