

# THE KISSING HAND

Here is the story of a little raccoon whom confronts his first day of school and needs reassurance. Mother Raccoon finds an unforgettable way of communicating the message that everyone most needs to hear. The perfect book for any child taking the plunge into school, endearing illustrations are so soothing as the simple story.

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Ages: 5-7

32 pages

Themes: Relationships, dealing with separation

Make a window out of two pieces of paper. Have the child draw squares on the paper and cut around three sides of each “window” and help to fold the paper back to the left and right as though you were opening up shutters. Either tape or glue this piece of paper on top of the other and then have the kids either draw or paste a picture of someone they care about inside each window. It can serve as a reminder that people who live in the same house can be seen in their house or coming back to it.