

Title: Bunny Runs Away

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Genre: Fiction

Theme: Friendship, cooperation

Setting: Bunny's apartment building

Characters: Bunny and Cynthia, Bunny's mother, aunt Betty, Jill, Alison

Plot: Bunny's friend Cynthia comes over to play, they have a fight and Alison leaves early. Bunny's mother goes after Cynthia to make sure she made it home. Bunny runs away. Bunny decides to come back home.

Summary: Bunny's best friend comes over to play and they choose to play with clay. After making a turtle, Cynthia wants to take it home to give to her father. Bunny and Cynthia fight over the clay, and Cynthia decides to leave early. Bunny's mother decides to go after Cynthia to make sure that she made it home. Bunny thinks that her mom loves Cynthia more than her and decides to run away. She goes to her Aunt Betty's apartment. When she gets there, she plays with her cousins Alison and Jill. Bunny decides to leave after she fights with Jill.

At the door is her Aunt Betty, who tells her that she shouldn't leave and that her mom was looking for her. Then her mom is at the door, and they hug and make up.

Questions:

- Do a picture walk through. Can you track Bunny's emotions?
- Why did Brenda make a face at Bunny and Cynthia at the beginning of the story? Brenda thought Cynthia was not going the right way home, but Cynthia was going to Bunny's house after school instead of to her home.
- What do you think the girls could have done differently when they were playing? Shared the clay, split the clay, picked something else to play with.
- Do you think that Bunny over-reacted to her mom going after Cynthia? Why? Answers vary.

Extension/Projects to go with the book

- Discuss how to play fairly
- Discussion: Have any of you ever wanted to run away? Why? Was that the best choice or could (should) you have done something differently?