Reading Together

Good Trouble: The Story of John Lewis

Use these simple activities to have fun reading together!

Discuss the Book's Title

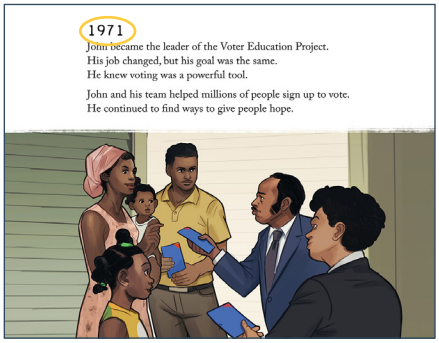
Talk to your child about a time when you were in trouble as a kid. Then ask your child to tell about a time when they were in trouble. Reread the title of the book, Good Trouble. Discuss how trouble can sometimes be a good thing. Talk about why John Lewis' "trouble" was for a good purpose.

Write About John Lewis

Ask your child to pick their favorite three pages in the book. Choose one from the beginning, middle, and end. Ask your child to write a sentence for each of their favorite pages. Show your child how to include the date in their sentence. Explain why it is important to write the three sentences in the order that they happened in the story. Have your child read their writing to another family member to share what they learned about John Lewis.

Talk About the Main Points of the Story

Show your child the dates on each page of the book. Explain that the author uses the dates to put John Lewis' actions in the order they happened. Reread a page of the book with your child. Make sure to look at the picture. Ask your child to tell you what happened on the page in a sentence or two. Repeat this rereading and talking with other pages in the book.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John became the leader of the Voter Education Project.
His job changed, but his goal was the same.
He knew voting was a powerful tool.

John and his team helped millions of people sign up to vote.
He continued to find ways to give people hope.

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