Transcript for the Video:

Family Reading Time
Asking Open-Ended Questions

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**Introduction:** And now, it’s Family Reading Time!

**Narrator:** Did you know that asking your child questions while reading can help him become a stronger reader?

  - **Adult:** Why do you think he’s calling for his mama?
  - **Child:** Because he wants a drink
  - **Adult:** You think?
  - **Child:** Oh! Because he’s lonely.

**Narrator:** Asking open-ended questions, or questions that don’t have simple yes or no answers, gives your child the chance to use a lot of language, and helps her understand what’s happening in the book.

  - **Adult:** What do you notice about his face?
  - **Child:** Is he happy?
  - **Adult:** What do you think?
  - **Child:** He is sad.
  - **Adult:** How do you know he’s sad?
  - **Child:** I don’t know.
  - **Adult:** Look here. What’s that?
  - **Child:** A tear.
  - **Adult:** A tear. Is he crying?
  - **Child:** Yeah.

**Narrator:** Research shows that having conversations during book reading can strengthen children’s language and early literacy skills.

**Narrator:** Family Reading Time Tip: Ask your child open-ended questions when reading.
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