



## Unit 4: Ready For Kindergarten

### Week 5: Preparation

**LENGTH OF AT-HOME ACTIVITY:** 10 to 15 minutes

**YOU'LL NEED:** The book *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate, and a pencil or crayon



#### ACTIVITY STEPS:

**START** by reminding your preschooler that you are reading *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*. Ask your preschooler what he or she remembers about the book.

**ASK QUESTIONS** and wait 3-5 seconds for an answer. Example questions:

What was this story about?

What was your favorite part?

What are some of the things that the Kindergarteners did to get ready?

What are some of the things that Miss Bindergarten did to get ready?

**LOOK** through the book at the letters and help your preschooler brainstorm other words that start with the letters you choose.

**READ** *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready For Kindergarten* with your preschooler. Have fun! See if your preschooler can identify any words in the print and read part of the book to you!

**COUNT** different characters, objects or letters on the pages as you go through the book together.

**IDENTIFY** rhymes in the text with your preschooler. Allow him or her to make up a rhyming sentence to follow the sentence you've just read on the page.

**PRACTICE.** Help your preschooler practice retelling the story (or any story) in his or her own words and sequencing events. You can prompt your preschooler by asking questions such as, "What happens next?"

**TALK.** Ask your preschooler questions about what the students do to get ready for Kindergarten. Here are some questions you might ask:

What are some of the ways that the kids get ready for Kindergarten?

How is that similar or different from the way that you get ready to go somewhere?

**CONNECT.** Connect the story to what your preschooler already knows. What are some of the things that he or she does to get ready for preschool or to get ready to run an errand?

**FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY:** Try to make a morning routine for your preschooler so that he/she has a smooth transition in the morning before Kindergarten. You can start practicing the routine now so that your preschooler knows it well by the time the school year starts. An easy morning for your Kindergartener will make for a great day at school! A simple routine could be something like this: 1) wake up, 2) eat a healthy breakfast, 3) get dressed, 4) brush teeth!

**WRITING EXTENSION:** On the back of this page, help your preschooler write and illustrate a list of the ways that he/she will get ready for Kindergarten.