**LET'S READ TOGETHER**

In this story, a curious young raccoon floats downstream in an old boat. All alone for the first time, he is afraid but finds comfort in his own reflection. He finally reunites with his family when the boat drifts to shore. As you read or listen to the story with your child, pay attention to how the raccoon feels on his adventure through the swamp.

**LET'S TALK ABOUT NEW WORDS**

Here are some words to talk about as you read or listen to *Raccoon on His Own*:

- **chill**, a feeling of being cold or frightened
- **draped**, hung loosely
- **drifting**, moving slowly from one place to another
- **swamp**, land with a lot of water, mud and plants
- **lonely**, sad about being apart from other people
- **nervous**, worried or afraid about what might happen

**LET'S PLAY**

**Play with Mirrors**

In the story, the raccoon sees his reflection in the smooth, shiny surface of the water. Show your child a mirror and comment that a mirror has a smooth shiny surface, like the water in *Raccoon on His Own*, and that this is why we can see our reflection in it. Try holding different objects in front of the mirror to show that the object’s reflection is seen. Encourage your child to change something about their appearance, their expression, or something they are wearing, and to notice how their reflection looks different. As you have conversations with your child, use vocabulary words such as, mirror, image, reflection, front, back, look.