



# Activity Sheet

## **Grandma Calls Me Beautiful**

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*Grandma Calls Me Beautiful* captures the unique bond between grandparent and grandchild. Set in Hawaii, vibrant watercolor images and lyrical text combine to capture the lush landscapes and unique traditions of Hawaiian culture.

**Tips to prepare for reading:** Greet the children with "Aloha." Tell them that "aloha" is one way people from Hawaii say hello. Form a circle and have every child put an arm into the middle. Ask if everyone's arm and hand looks the same. Ask what is alike and different. Point out that the arms and hands are beautiful and belong to special people.

Show children the book's cover and tell them you are reading about a grandma and a little girl. Tell them that the story is about people from Hawaii that might look and behave differently from us.

**Ideas on reading the book:** Look in the book's glossary for the pronunciation and meaning of Hawaiian words (before you go to the school). Read the story expressively. After you have read the story, revisit the parts with Hawaiian words. Tell the children what the words mean. Look at the beautiful pictures and point out the Hawaiian scenery and traditions.

**Activities and ideas to use after you read the book:** If there is a globe or a map in the classroom, show the children where Hawaii is and where they live. Talk about culture and the things that they do with their families.

Finally, tell the children that this story is about a grandparent's love for her granddaughter.

Ask the children to tell you whom they love and who loves them. Ask, "What are some things grandparents and kids can do together?" Tell them they are special...and so is everybody else!

**Try this at home:** Read the book with your child-if possible with your child's grandparents. Help your child interview grandparents or other family members.

### **Possible Interview Questions:**

Did you have a big family?  
How many brothers and sisters did you have?  
Where did you go to school?  
What was school like when you were my age?  
What kind of games did you play?  
Did you have a favorite book?  
What was your favorite holiday and how did you celebrate it?  
Who was your best friend and what did you do together?  
What's your favorite memory about when I was born?

**More from PBS KIDS:** Play "Connect the World: Buster's International Card Game".  
<http://pbskids.org/arthur/games/connectworld/>

Watch "The Ruff Ruffman Show: A Plushie for Grandma." <http://pbskids.org/video/ruff-ruffman-show/3004252839>

**Additional books to read:** *Mama, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Josse and illustrated by Barbara Lavallee

*Papa, Do You Love Me?* by Barbara M. Josse and illustrated by Barbara Lavallee

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