

ACTIVITY: HAITI: WHERE DO THE MOST DELICIOUS MANGOS GROW?

The characters in this book live in Haiti which is a country on an island in the Caribbean. Look carefully at the pictures in the book. What you can tell about children, adults, and the environment portrayed in the book? What is similar to and different from the environment where you live?

The story tells us that the most delicious mangos grow in Haiti. Do you know how a mango tastes? Do you like mangos? If the child has never eaten a mango before, offer him/her a taste of one. Maybe the mango seemed so delicious because they were brought to children by their grandpa. Are there any special foods or treats that you usually eat only when you visit your grandparents or when they visit you? What kinds of fruit grows in your country? Have you ever picked any fruit yourself?

Find Haiti on a map together. Look in an encyclopedia to find out what languages are spoken in Haiti. What else can you discover about Haiti? What other foods besides mangos do they eat? Try out some of their dishes. Listen to music from Haiti or the other Caribbean islands.

Ask your child which things in this book are similar to his/her own life and which are different?

