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Name of Book _____ by: _____

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Name of Book Just Me and My Mom by Mercer Mayer

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Me – 6? Doesn't say actual names or ages.

Mom – 30?

2. What type of family is this? Why?

In this book they only show the single parent family (but they may have more family at home – it doesn't say)

3. What stage of the family life cycle are they in? Tell why.

This looks like the expanding stage – small children – if there are other children, too, it could be the crowded stage.

4. Name 2 things the family does to take care of the physical needs of the family.

Eat a hot dog together.

Holds hand to keep each other safe.

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Mom gave kid money to buy train tickets (how to buy something from someone). & mom looking for him at the show (staying close when in a crowd).

6. Name 2 things the family does that supports the emotional well-being of the members.

Mom buys new tickets when child loses them (doesn't yell) & held hands so the other wasn't scared.

