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**(PreK - 2)**

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**A Bow for Rachel Rabbit**

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* Why do you think Mrs. Rabbit respects Rachel’s decision not to wear the bow?
* Should children do what their parents ask them to do?
* In the end, does Rachel respect her mother’s opinion? How do you know?
* Is Mrs. Rabbit courteous and kind to her daughter? Explain.
* Is Rachel disobedient to her mother?
* Can you think of other character traits that are in this story? Discuss and give examples. (Self-control and Patience)

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