

The Not-So-Wicked Witch

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Halloween, Kindness

Book Brief: Among all the mean, cackling witches, one is actually nice! This little witch doesn't like being bad or causing trouble at all.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the littlest witch.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Why is it important to treat people with kindness?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, listen and notice how the littlest witch is different than the others."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Describe some of the ways the littlest witch is helpful.
- What are some ways the witches are mischievous?
- How do the witches try to make the littlest witch wicked? Does it work? Why or why not.
- What lesson does the littlest witch end up teaching the other witches?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: The littlest witch shows kindness. Compare and contrast the littlest witch with the other little witches.

Extending Our Thinking: The littlest witch bakes a cake and shows kindness to the children. Using [RIF's Recipe Card](#), have students create their own recipe for being kind. Encourage students to think about ways to show kindness and compassion towards others.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.