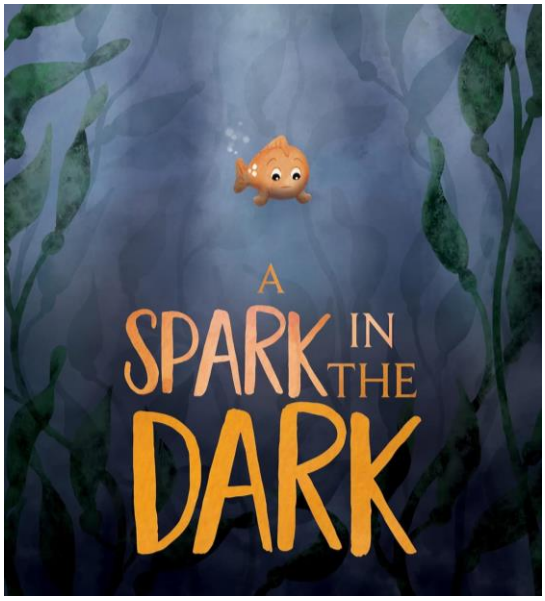
Discussion Guide for Families



A Spark in the Dark

Author: Pam Fong

Illustrator: Pam Fong

Themes: Emotions and Feelings

Book Brief: *A Spark in the Dark* follows a little fish navigating the deep sea, teaching readers that even in the darkest moments, a spark of light can guide the way. With gentle text and luminous illustrations, this moving book explores emotions and offers hope to children and parents alike.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child "Have you ever been in a place that felt dark or scary? What did you do to feel better or find your way?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- How do you think the little fish feels when it's surrounded by darkness? What clues in the pictures or words tell you this?
- What does the spark of light represent for the fish as it travels through the dark?
- How do you think the fish finds courage to keep going, even when it's scared?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What did the little fish learn about light and dark? How can we find our own "spark" during difficult times?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Let them explore more books about emotions with The Spaces In Between.

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