

Hope is the Thing with Feathers

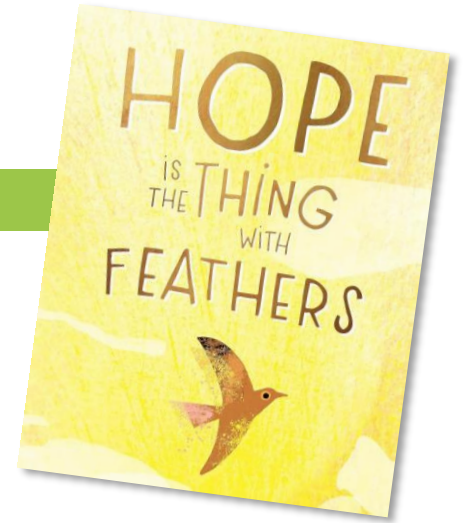
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Nature, Poetry

Book Brief: Emily Dickinson's poem comes to life illustrated by Tim Hopgood, celebrating poetry and resilience. Through a little bird's song, the story reminds readers that hope remains, even after the darkest storms.

Author:
Emily Dickinson

Illustrator:
Tim Hopgood



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 book.

Prior Knowledge: Search for a video about Emily Dickinson for children.

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, pay attention to how the poem makes you feel."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why do you think the title of this poem is "Hope is the Thing with Feathers?"
- What do you think "perches in the soul" means?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How did the poem make you feel? What words made you feel this way?

Extend Our Thinking: Using [RIF's Figurative Language Chart](#), have students identify and determine the meaning of figurative language in the poem.

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 poems with the [Poetry Collection](#).