

Chandra's Magic Light

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Family, Light, Perseverance

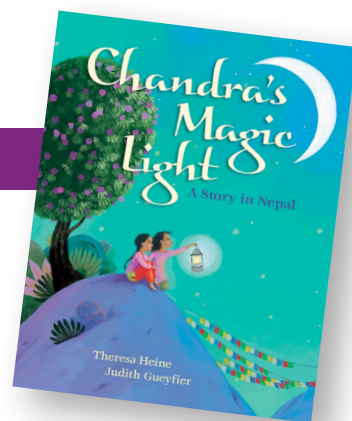
Book Brief: Chandra knows a solar lamp will light her family's home high in the Himalayas and help her brother breathe easily at night. But how can she earn enough money to buy one?

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Judith Gueyfier



TIME TO READ!



Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child what they think will happen in the story.

During: As you read, ask, "What is Chandra doing? Why is she doing that?"

After, ask questions:

- How did Chandra get the magic light?
- Explain how the magic light works.
- What happened at the end of the story?

INTENTIONAL TALK

Thinking Beyond The Text- An important skill for new readers to develop is to make connections between what they are reading and the world around them. In this way they bring their own thoughts to what they are reading and develop a greater understanding of a story or text. It also helps them share their thoughts and ideas with others. As you read *Chandra's Magic Light*,

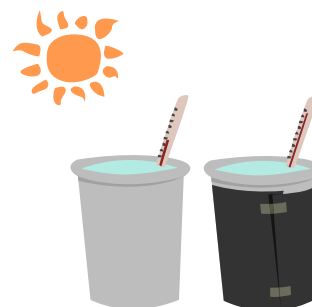
encourage your child to find a part of the story that reminds them of your own family, or even things they've heard or seen before reading this book. Ask, "What kinds of things do we do to help our family members?" This will help them make connections and see how the book fits into their world and create meaning with the story

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Solar-Powered Water Heating Experiment

Materials: 2 small clear or white cups, warm water, black construction paper, sunlight

Wrap one cup in black paper and leave the other plain. Fill both cups with the same amount of lukewarm water. Place them in direct sunlight side by side. After 10 minutes, check the water temperature by touching the cups or using a thermometer. Discuss which cup feels warmer and why. Explain that the black cup absorbs more sunlight, showing how solar energy can heat things.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS ABOUT SOLAR ENERGY

- **The Mighty Solar Panel (2022)**
- **Solar Story: How One Community Lives Alongside the Biggest Solar Plant (2020)**
- **Running on Sunshine: How Does Solar Energy Work? (2018)**