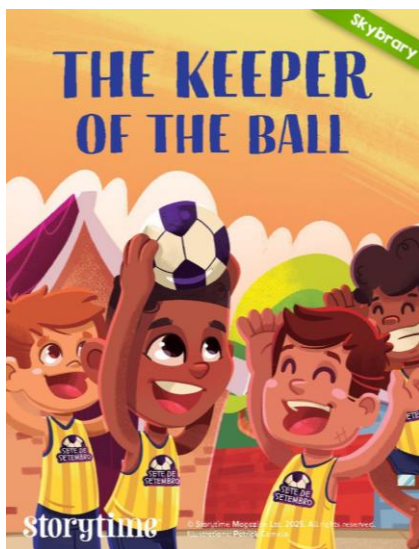


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Keeper of the Ball

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Patrick Camelo

Themes: Determination, Creativity, Teamwork

Book Brief: The big kids wouldn't let Edson play in their football team— so he started his own!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Talk about a time when your child wanted to play a game or sport but didn't have the right equipment or wasn't invited to join.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why didn't the older kids let Edson play?
- How did Edson and his friends make their own soccer ball?
- Why were the uniforms important to Edson's team?
- How do you think Edson felt when his team finally played together?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Say, "What lesson can we learn from Edson's story about following our dreams?"
- If you couldn't find the equipment for a game you love, what could you create instead?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Work together as a family to complete a quick "team challenge." For example, pass a ball around without dropping it or keep it in the air for as long as possible. Reflect on how teamwork helps us succeed.
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