

## Read Aloud Guide for Families



### **The Fire Inside**

*Author: Storytime*

*Illustrator: Lily Fosset*

**Themes:** Inspiration, Perseverance, The Arts

**Book Brief:** The true story of boy named Vincent and how he found his inspiration!

## READ ALOUD

### **Before Reading: Build Background**

- Ask, “Have you ever felt really excited about something you wanted to create or do? What inspired you?”
- Explain to your child that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.

### **While Reading: Make Connections**

- What is Vincent searching for in the story? How does he feel?
- How does Vincent's mood or feelings change throughout the story?
- Describe what Vincent discovers about himself and his art. What inspires him?

### **After Reading: Ask Questions**

- Ask, “How did Vincent find his inspiration? What does it mean to have a 'fire inside'?”

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### **If your child enjoyed this book:**

- Make an "Inspiration Hunt." Go on a walk together and have your child collect or photograph things that inspire them (interesting leaves, colors, textures). Then create art based on what they found.
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