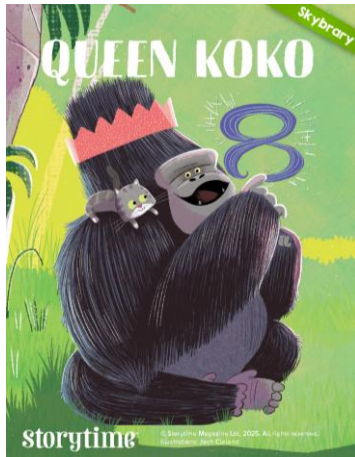


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Queen Koko

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Josh Cleland

Themes: Communication, Compassion

Book Brief: The true tale of a very clever gorilla and the kitten that she loved!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever had a pet or special animal friend that you loved? How did you take care of them?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about a real gorilla named Koko who was very smart and loved a tiny kitten.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What is special about Koko? What can she do that surprises people?
- How does Koko feel about the kitten? What does she do to show her love?
- Describe the relationship between Koko and her kitten. How do they act together?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What did Koko's story teach us about how animals can love and care for others? How was Koko's love for her kitten similar to how people love their pets?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Create a "Pet Care Plan." Have your child draw a picture of a real or imaginary pet and write or talk about how they would take care of it with love and kindness, just like Koko cared for her kitten. Discuss what the animal would need (food, water, gentle touches, playtime).
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