

The Crayons' Christmas

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Celebrations, Holidays

Book Brief: Even the Crayons know the best presents are the ones you give. Take a look at how Duncan, the Crayons, and their families celebrate the holidays. Hands-on items in envelopes within the book will give the reader some real-world activities to enjoy while reading this holiday title.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover.

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

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice.

Purpose for Reading: “As we read, think about the many ways people around the world celebrate Christmas.”

Prior Knowledge: Ask, “Have you ever made an ornament or written a holiday wish list?”

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What are some similar traditions in the book that your family does the same?
- What are some different traditions in the book that your family does not usually do at the holidays?
- What new activity from the book would you like to try after reading this book?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: What did you learn about different activities and traditions for the holidays that many families enjoy each year?

Extending Our Thinking: Make a list of activities you learned about in this book that could be shared with other family members, neighbors, classmates, and even people you don't know well. Ask these people about their holiday activities and traditions.

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 about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.