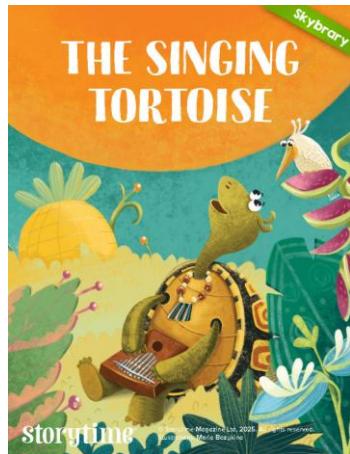


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Singing Tortoise

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Maria Bazykina

Themes: Promises, Trust, Consequences

Book Brief: In a topical tale from Africa, a man learns his lesson when he tries to use nature for his own good.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever made a promise to someone? Why is it important to keep promises?"
- Explain to your child that this story is a fable, which teach us lessons.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What does Ama discover about the tortoise? What is special about him?
- What promise does Ama make to the tortoise? Does she keep her promise?
- What happens when Ama tells everyone about the tortoise? How does the tortoise react?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What lesson does this story teach us? What happens when Ama breaks her promise? What is the message or moral of this fable?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Talk about "Keeping Promises." Discuss times when keeping a promise was important and what can happen when promises are broken. Practice making small promises to each other (like reading together or helping with a chore) and keeping them, just like Ama should have kept his promise to the tortoise.
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