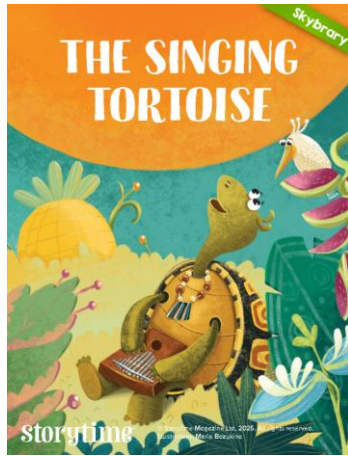


# Read Aloud Guide for Families



## **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**

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### **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**

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### **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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