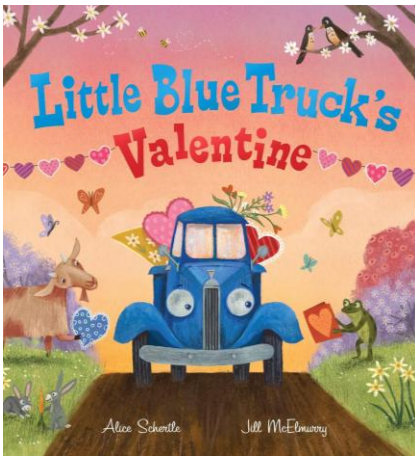


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Singing Tortoise

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Themes: Kindness, Valentine's Day, Friendship

Book Brief: Celebrate Valentine's Day with Little Blue Truck in this heartwarming read-aloud from the beloved best-selling series!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Do you give valentines to your friends and family? How does it make you and them feel?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Who does Little Blue Truck give valentines to? What does he say to his friends?
- How do the animals feel when they get their valentines from Little Blue?
- What does Little Blue Truck wonder about? Does he get any valentines?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What happens in the story? How does Little Blue Truck feel at the beginning and at the end?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Make valentines using [RIF's Valentine's Day Letter Writing Template](#). Help your child write and decorate cards for friends, family, or neighbors. Talk about how giving and receiving valentines makes everyone feel happy, just like Little Blue Truck and his friends.
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