

The Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza)

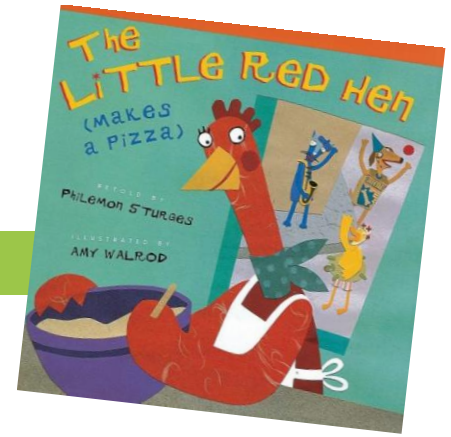
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Responsibility, Teamwork, Kindness

Book Brief: A tasty twist on a classic tale where the Little Red Hen makes a pizza all by herself—but her friends surprise her with an unexpected act of kindness at the end!

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Show students the cover and ask, "What do you think this story is about? What do you see?"

The Pictures: Flip through the pages and ask, "What do you notice in the pictures?"

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever had to do something all by yourself because no one would help you? How did that feel?"

Vocabulary: Before reading, act out these pizza-making words together: stir, mix, knead, pound, chop, grate

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, let's think about the lesson this story teaches us about helping others."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does the Little Red Hen want to make?
- What do the duck, dog, and cat say when she asks for help?
- How does the Little Red Hen feel about doing everything herself?
- What surprising thing do her friends do at the end?



Think Aloud: "The Little Red Hen does all the work herself because her friends won't help. But at the end, her friends surprise her with something kind. I wonder—what lesson are we learning about helping others?"

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What lesson did this story teach us? What did the hen's friends learn about being kind and helping out?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What is something you can do to help someone without being asked?" Connect the friends' surprise act of kindness to how we can all look for ways to help others. Encourage students to think of one way they can surprise someone with an act of kindness this week, like helping clean up, doing something nice for a classmate, or helping at home. Students can draw or write about their plan and share what they did.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Read other versions of The Little Red Hen, such as [The Little Green Hen](#) and [The Little Red Hen: An Old Fable](#).
- 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.