



The Sundown Kid: A Southwestern Shabbat

Themes: Jewish culture & traditions,
community, resourcefulness

Book Brief: A young boy and his family move to the desert Southwest and struggle with feeling lonely as the only Jewish family in their new town.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever been the new kid in your school, neighborhood, or town? How did that make you feel?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- What is the young boy missing in his new town from where he moved from?
- What does he do to make friends and bring people together?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What did you learn about different cultures, traditions, and religions from this story?"
- "Would you do something similar to what he did to make new friends? If not, what would you do?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Create a chart and list times that people might feel lonely and new. Then add a column that lists ideas of how to make friends and bring people together in these new situations.
- Read more books about kids from other cultures, religions, and countries to better understand how we are different but also similar.