

Read Aloud Guide for Families



The King's Ears

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Themes: Being Yourself, Magic

Book Brief: A clever folktale about a king who hides a secret about his appearance and learns an important lesson about accepting yourself!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Have you ever had a secret? How did it make you feel?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why does the king make Liam promise to keep the secret?
- How does keeping the secret effect Liam?
- Why does Liam tell his secret to the tree?
- What happens when the tree becomes a violin?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did the king learn about hiding who he really was? Why is it important to accept ourselves and others?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, talk about what makes each of you unique. Take turns sharing one thing you like about yourself and one thing that makes someone else special. You can also draw pictures of yourselves and celebrate the differences that make everyone special.
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