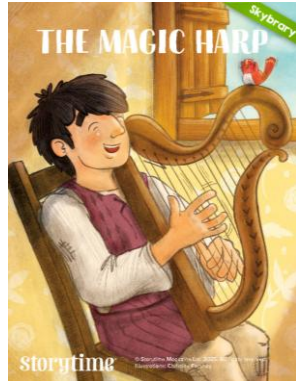


# Read Aloud Guide for Families



## The Magic Harp

*Author: Storytime*

*Illustrator: Christine Forshay*

**Themes:** Magic, Music, Consequences

**Book Brief:** The worst musician in Wales gets his hands on a harp with magical powers!

## READ ALOUD

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### Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Have you ever worked really hard at something, even if other people didn’t think you were very good at it? How did that feel?”
- Explain to your child that a folktale is a story that has been passed down over time and are meant to teach a lesson about how people should treat others or make good choices.

### While Reading: Make Connections

- How do people in the town feel about Taffy’s music at first?
- Why do the fairy folk decide to give Taffy a magical gift? What does this show about his actions?
- What does Taffy wish for, and what happens when he starts playing the harp?
- Why does Taffy keep playing even when people are exhausted?
- How do the fairy folk feel when they return? Why are they upset with Taffy?

### After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What lesson did Taffy learn about using his gift? What would you have done differently?”

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

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### If your child enjoyed this book:

- Talk about “using your gifts for good.” Have your child name something they’re good at and share one way they can use it to help or make others happy.
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