

# Read Aloud Guide for Families



## Not a Robot

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**Themes:** Identity, Friendship, Robots

**Book Brief:** Red 3869 is malfunctioning and the head scientist isn't happy about it!

## READ ALOUD

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### Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "What do robots do? Have you ever seen a robot? What would you want a robot to do?"

### While Reading: Make Connections

- What is Red supposed to do? What is he programmed for?
- What does Red really want to do? How is he different from other robots?
- Why is the head scientist unhappy? What does scientist Jones think about Red?

### After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What happens in the story? Why does Red say he's 'not a robot'? What does Red learn about himself?"

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### If your child enjoyed this book:

- Pretend to be a robot! Take turns acting like a robot doing tasks (picking up toys, walking stiffly) and then doing things a human would do (dancing, playing, laughing). Talk about what makes humans special and different, just like Red wanted to do human things.
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