

Read Aloud Guide for Families



Conejito: A Folktale from Panama

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Themes: Courage, Cultural Heritage, Community

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Have you felt frightened and needed to find a way to escape and feel safe?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- What did the Fox, Tiger, and Lion say to Conejito when he bumped into them?
- How did Conejito outsmart those animals that wanted to eat him for a meal?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did you learn from the story about building courage and finding a way to take care of yourself?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, read more about the country of Panama, the setting of the story. Learn more about Panamanian history, geography, the flag, foods, and cultural traditions.
- Draw some of the things you just read about (e.g, the flag, foods, land forms)