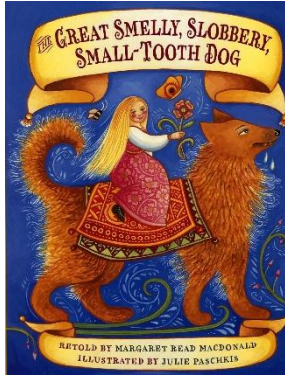


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Priceless Gifts: A Tale from Italy

Author: Martha Hamilton & Mitch Weiss

Illustrator: John Kanzler

Themes: Generosity, Kindness, Gratitude

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Do you understand what the phrase ‘the best gifts are often the most helpful ones, not the most expensive’ means?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why did Antonio go to faraway islands?
- Why were the guards at the palace holding sticks?
- Why did Antonio think the cats would help with the rats?
- What did the king give to Antonio?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did you learn from the story about the concept of ‘Good things come in small packages’?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, make a chart of other trades or swaps that could be made to make a difference. For example, the cats helped get rid of the rats in the story. The cats were priceless to the king.
- Discuss why these other trades are simple and helpful, and priceless.