

Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Great Dance

Author: Storytime

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Themes: Perseverance, Chasing Dreams, STEM

Book Brief: Maria is determined to discover the secrets of the universe – and won't let anything get in her way!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever wanted to do something even if people said you couldn't? What did you do?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about a real girl named Maria (Marie Curie) who loved science and wanted to discover the secrets of the universe, no matter what got in her way.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Who inspires Maria to love science? What does she want to learn about?
- What happens when Maria wants to study at a university? Why can't she go?
- How does Maria find a way to keep learning? What is the "flying university"?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How does Maria show determination? What does this teach us about not giving up on our dreams?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Conduct a simple science experiment together. Try observing something in nature, mixing safe household items, or exploring how things work. Talk about how scientists like Maria were curious and wanted to discover new things, just like you can be a curious explorer too!
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