

Read Aloud Guide for Families



Feathers: A Jewish Tale from Eastern Europe

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Themes: Caring, Responsibility, Community

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, “Have you had someone spread a rumor or gossip about you, especially something that was not true?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Think about how the woman who started the rumor thought it was OK since it was said “in jest.”
- Think about how you would feel if someone spread a rumor or gossip about you.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What did you learn from how words can hurt?”
- Ask, “What did you learn about how to treat other people?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, try drawing a pillow that is opened up and all the pillow feathers are flying around.
- Read [Each Kindness](#) for a story similar to *Feathers*. How are they the same or different?