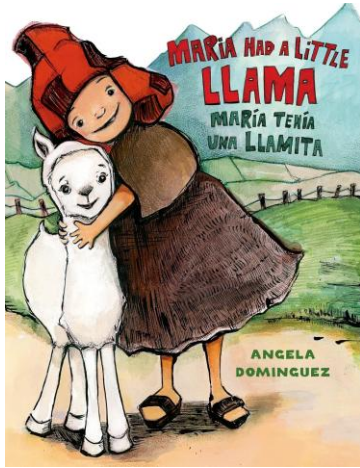


Read Aloud Guide for Families



Maria Had A Little Llama / María tenía una llamita

Author & Illustrator: Angela Dominguez

Themes: Friendship, Animals, Culture, Language, Rhyming

Book Brief: You've heard of Mary and her little lamb, but have you met Maria and her little llama? Follow along in English and Spanish as Maria and her loyal llama share a playful adventure in Peru!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, “What do you notice about Maria and her llama? Have you ever heard Mary Had a Little Lamb?”
- Explain that this story takes place in Peru and is written in both English and Spanish.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Where does Maria's llama follow her?
- How can you tell that Maria and her llama are friends?
- What do you notice about the pictures of Peru?
- How is this story similar to Mary Had a Little Lamb?
- What do you think will happen next?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “What was your favorite part of Maria's adventure? How did the llama show its friendship? What was different about this version of the familiar nursery rhyme?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- **Make a New Rhyme:** Choose a different animal and create your own version of Mary Had a Little Lamb. Sing or say your new rhyme together!
- **Explore Peru:** Find Peru on a map and look at pictures of its landscapes and animals. Talk about what you notice and compare the pictures to the book.
- **Draw an Animal Friend:** Invite your child to draw an animal they would love to have as a friend. Ask where it would follow them and what adventures they might share.