

## Storytime Event Guide and Activities for Families

### Read Together

Reading aloud with your child builds key language and literacy skills while you connect together with a book. This shared experience ignites children's imaginations, helps them build a greater understanding of the world, and cultivates a lifelong love of reading. Here are some tips for making the most of story time:

- Hold the book so that your child can easily see the cover and the illustrations.
- Make a few comments about the illustration on the cover and note the author and illustrator.
- Show excitement and read the story expressively.
- Listen for your child's comments or questions and respond briefly to confirm or clarify.
- Provide information to extend your child's understanding of the story.
- Have fun!

### Build Vocabulary

Providing a simple explanation for words that children may not be familiar with can help build their language skills.

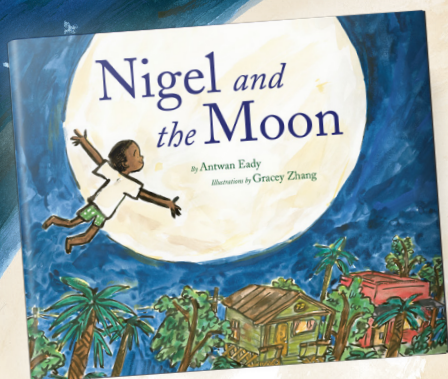
You can describe the meaning of a word, point to an illustration, or use your tone of voice to convey the word's meaning. Here are some words to talk about while you read *Nigel and the Moon*:

- **Pride:** a feeling of happiness that you have done something good
- **Career:** a job someone does for a long time
- **Distance:** how far apart two things are
- **Quiver:** to shake when you are nervous or scared
- **Shrink:** to become smaller
- **Worry:** to think about something you are afraid of
- **Fancy:** very special
- **Swell:** to become bigger



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### Night Sky Art

As Nigel shares his dreams with the moon, he also imagines himself dancing around the stars. Ask your child, “When it’s nighttime, what do you see in the sky?” Using light-colored crayons, let your child draw the night sky on dark paper. For example, they can include the moon and stars. Invite your child to add themselves to the picture. Do they want to dance on the moon like Nigel?

### Who’s Your Superhero?

One of Nigel’s dreams is to be a superhero, but not all superheroes wear capes. Some of these heroes are the essential workers in our very own neighborhood! Essential workers are people who do everyday jobs that help the community. They can be postal carriers, truck drivers, grocery store clerks, firefighters, doctors, nurses, and many more! These are heroes who are here when our neighbors need them. Ask your child, “Who are heroes in our neighborhood?” Together with your child, write them a note of gratitude and include a drawing. Mail the letter, or drop it off the next time you visit these neighborhood heroes.

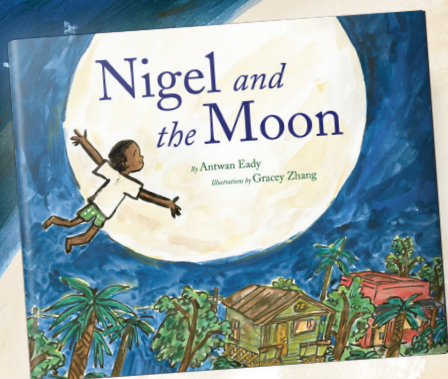
### A Dancer Like Me

Nigel dreams of being a ballet dancer, but when he looks in books, Nigel can’t find a dancer that looks like him. Like Nigel, your child can also be a ballet dancer or just dance by choosing their own favorite moves. Invite them to pretend that they are dancers. Try different movements like: twirling, leaping, and swaying. Play some music and let them show off their best moves.

### Moon Rocks

Nigel feels safe when he shares his dreams with the moon. Invite your child to make their own special moon rock. Find a small rock, and let your child decorate or paint it. Talk about ways your child can use their moon rock, such as telling it their inner thoughts and dreams, or rubbing their thumb on the rock when they are scared to talk in front of others.





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### Keep Reading

Love reading together? Visit your local library with your child to find more books to read together. Some ideas are:

- Dive into more books about self-confidence and pride by reading:
  - *The Day You Begin* written by Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by Rafael López
  - *You Matter* written and illustrated by Christian Robinson
  - *The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family* written by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali; illustrated by Hatem Aly
- Deepen conversations on dreams and wishes. Try:
  - *Kamala and Maya's Big Idea* written by Meena Harris; illustrated by Ana Ramírez González
  - *Dream Street* written by Tricia Elam Walker; illustrated by Ekoa Holmes
  - *Remember to Dream, Ebere* written by Cynthia Erivo; illustrated by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow
- Dig into themes of the night sky by reading:
  - *Mae Among the Stars* written by Roda Ahmed; illustrated by Stasia Burrington
  - *A Home Under the Stars* written and illustrated by Andy Chou Musser
  - *Sing to the Moon* written by Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl; illustrated by Sandra van Doorn

