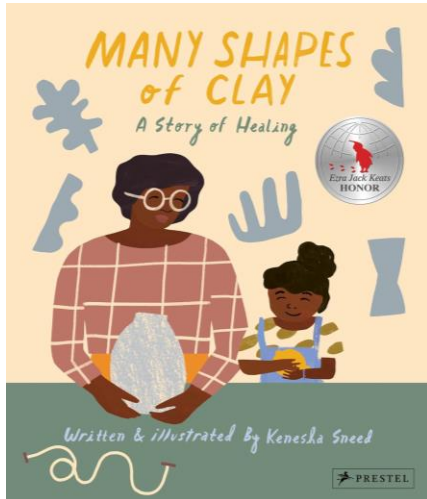


Discussion Guide for Families



Many Shapes of Clay: A Story of Healing

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Themes: Creativity, Family, Healing, Grief

Book Brief: A story about a young girl who learns about love, loss, and the joy of creating new things as she navigates her feelings through art.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Model how to connect to the story by discussing your own experiences with creativity and the emotions tied to making or losing something important. Consider questions such as, "Have you ever made something special for someone you love?" or "How do you feel when you think about someone important to you?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- While reading the story, delve deeper by reflecting on Eisha's journey and the clay's symbolism, asking, "What do you think Eisha learns about herself and her feelings as she and the clay piece go through changes?" This question encourages children to think about growth, resilience, and the therapeutic aspects of art and memory in coping with loss.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What do you think the clay represents?
- What does the story tell us about losing something or someone we love?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Creating your own clay piece that represents a memory or someone important.
- Starting a memory box or scrapbook where you can collect items or create pieces that remind you of happy times or loved ones.