

Night Job

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Community Helpers, Family, Gratitude, Night

Book Brief: On Friday nights, a young boy goes with his father to his night job as custodian of a school. While his father cleans, the boy helps, plays, and spends quality time with his dad.

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TIME TO READ!



Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child what they think will happen in the story. Ask them what kind of job they think the dad has in the story.

During: As you read, ask, “What is the dad doing on this page? What is the son doing? Why are they doing that?”

After, ask questions:

- What kinds of things does the dad do for his night job?
- How is the dad a community helper?

INTENTIONAL TALK

Thinking Beyond the Text- An important skill for new readers to develop is to make connections between what they are reading and the world around them. In this way they bring their own thoughts to what they are reading and develop a greater understanding of a story or text. It also helps them share their thoughts and ideas with others. In the story, the boy goes to a school, spends time with his dad at work, and helps with cleaning. Your child may relate to these ideas in their own lives. Have they ever met the custodian at their school? Have they spent time with a family member at work? Have they ever helped with cleaning or chores around the house? Making connections between this story and their own lives can help them better relate to the characters and events in the book.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY CLEAN

People that keep our community clean are important community helpers! The custodian that cleans the school in the story is one community helper that keeps the community clean. Can you think of others? How can you help keep the community clean? Think about small ways that you could help keep the community clean (like picking up trash at the park). Then go out and help. We can all be community helpers!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



MORE BOOKS ABOUT NIGHTTIME JOBS

- [Who Works at Night? \(2023\)](#)
- [The Night Worker \(2007\)](#)
- [Night in the City \(2023\)](#)