

Diwali

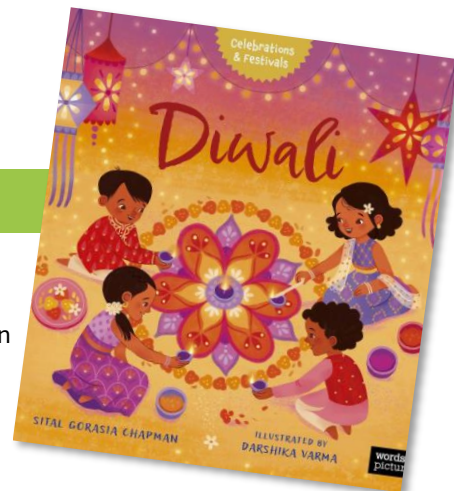
READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Celebration, Family, Gratitude, Holiday, Traditions

Book Brief: Sonali and her brother Jay invite you to celebrate Diwali with them, creating rangoli, cooking with family, and sharing gifts and treats with loved ones. Along the way, you'll learn how this joyful five-day festival celebrates the victory of light over darkness and good over evil.

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Sonali and Jay.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What does your family do to prepare for a holiday?"

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, listen to see how Sonali and her brother Jay celebrate Diwali with their family."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Explain the preparation before Diwali. What do Sonali and Jay do? Why?
- How is Diwali celebrated? Explain the days and what each one symbolizes.

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: How do Sonali and Jay celebrate Diwali with their family?

Extending Our Thinking: The five days of Diwali each have a special significance. Using [RIF's Comic Book Strip](#), have students retell each day of Diwali showing the importance and significance of each day with words and pictures.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.