

The Wish Tree

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Community, Friendship, Nature, Winter

Book Brief: Charles sets out with his trusty companion Boggan to find a wish tree, despite his siblings' doubts, and discovers that wishes can come true in unexpected ways. With poetic text and heartwarming illustrations, this story captures the magic of the holiday season and inspires wishers of all ages.

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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 Charles.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "What is something you wish to see?"

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, watch Charles search for the wish tree."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Who is Boggan? Describe their relationship.
- What did the boy find on his search?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Charles went through the woods to search for the wish tree. Describe his search and what happened when he found the wish tree.

Extending Our Thinking: Charles tied his wish around the wish tree. Using [RIF's Writing Template](#), have students write their own wish and what it would mean to them.

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 winter.
 - [Snow Globe Wishes](#) (2019)
 - [The Mitten](#) (1989)
 - [The Snowy Day](#) (1962)