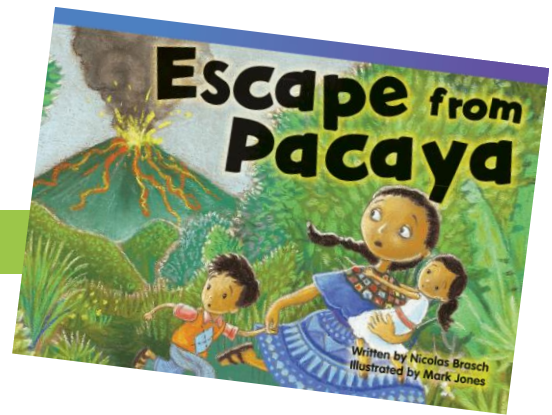


# Escape from Pacaya



## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Family, Compassion, Community

**Book Brief:** Juan's family is forced to flee their home when a giant volcano erupts in their town! As the family heads for a nearby shelter, they are worried about Juan's father who works at the bottom of the mountain.

**Author:**  
Nicolas Brasch

**Illustrator:**  
Mark Jones

## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover.

**The Pictures:** Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice.

**Prior Knowledge:** Ask, "How have you supported a family member or friend during a hard time?"

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

**Purpose for Reading:** "As we read, think about the ways that family and friends can support you during hard times."

## DURING READING

**Check for understanding & make connections:**

- Why did Juan and his family have to leave their home?
- How did Juan and his family feel when they saw that their father was safe?
- Think about what Juan and his family went through. What would you take if you had to leave home like they did?

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** Families and friends can support you during hard times. How did Juan and his family support one another during the volcano?

**Extending Our Thinking:** Have students write encouraging messages to their classmates on sticky-notes. Post them throughout the classroom to create a visual reminder of the support system they have within one another!

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.