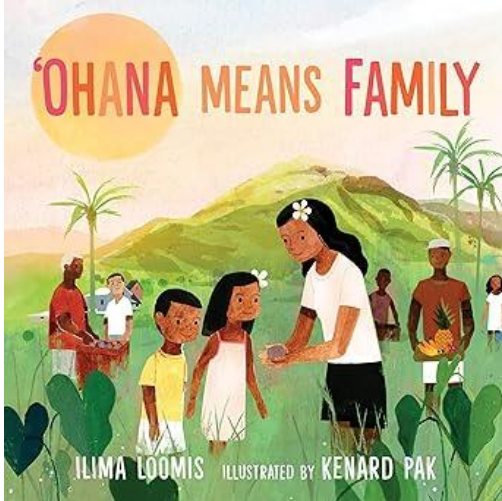


## Discussion Guide for Families



### **'Ohana Means Family**

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**Themes:** Family, Traditions

**Book Brief:** Join the family, or ohana, as they farm taro for poi to prepare for a traditional luau celebration with a poetic text in the style of *The House That Jack Built*.

## READ ALOUD

### **Before Reading: Build Background**

- Ask your child what are their favorite family traditions, foods, customs?

### **While Reading: Make Connections**

- What does 'ohana mean?
- Why does it take time to plant and cultivate the kalo? What is needed for good growth of the plant?

### **After Reading: Ask Questions**

- How does the repetition of the words and phrases help you understand the process of the kalo growing and the lu'au traditions?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### **If your child enjoyed this book, consider:**

- Thinking about a time when you had a large family gathering. What foods and traditions were part of that gathering. Try drawing an illustration of that experience on paper.
- Read more books by Ilima Loomis, such as [Ka'imi's First Round-up](#)