

When We Gather

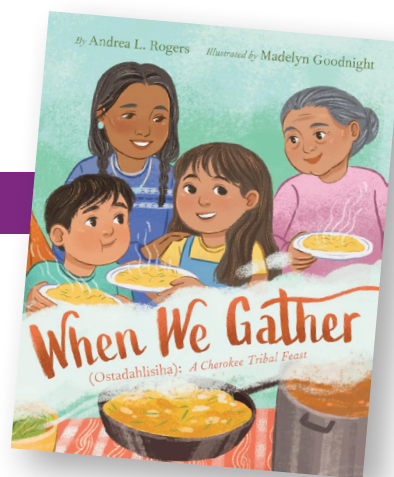
A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Community, Family, Native American Culture

Book Brief: As the dirt warms and green sprouts poke up, a Cherokee girl joins her family in the hunt for green onions. Together, they pick enough to bring to a feast, which is cooked with love and shared by their community. Idalisdayvhvga! Let's all eat!

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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.

During: As you read, ask, "Where did they find the onions?"

After, ask questions:

- How does the family prepare the onion dinner?
- What traditions does the family have?
- What do they do before they eat?

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. As you read *When We Gather*, encourage your child to find a part of the story that reminds them of your own family, or even things they've heard or seen before reading this book. This will help them make connections and see how the book fits into their world.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

The girl's family tradition of gathering wild onions brings them together. As a family, think of a recipe to make together. Make a grocery list of ingredients needed from the store to make the item. Bring the list to the store and search for the recipe together. As you add the items to your cart, check them off the list. Enjoying cooking and eating the dish together at home!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS ABOUT NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE

- **Powwow Day** by Traci Sorell (2022)
- **We Are Grateful** (2018)
- **Bowwow Powwow** (2018)