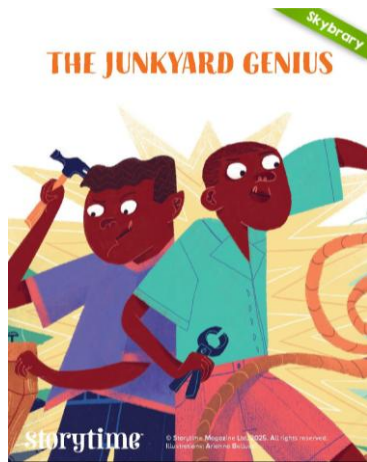


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Junkyard Genius

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Arianna Bellucci

Themes: Innovation, Problem-Solving

Book Brief: The true tale of a boy who built his own windmill to generate electricity for his village!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever built something or solved a problem using things you found around you? What did you make?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about a real boy named William Kamkwamba who used creativity and determination to build something amazing for his village.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What problem does William's village have? How does it affect the people?
- What does William decide to build? Where does he get his materials?
- Describe how William figures out how to make his invention work. What does he do when things are difficult?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How did William's windmill help his village? What does this story teach us about solving problems?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Create a "Junkyard Invention." Collect recyclable materials like cardboard tubes, bottle caps, and boxes. Challenge your child to build their own invention that could solve a problem, just like William did. Have them explain how it works.
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