# **Read Aloud Guide for Families**





#### The Christmas Fairy of Strasbourg

Author: Storytime

*Illustrator: Monica Garofalo* 

Themes: Christmas, Celebrate, Magic

**Book Brief:** A count loses a ring and finds a fairy bride in this magical Christmas tale.

#### **READ ALOUD**

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

- Ask, "What do you know about Christmas? How do people celebrate it?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about a man named Count Otto who loses his ring and meets a magical fairy on Christmas.

## **While Reading: Make Connections**

- What is Count Otto's nickname? How did he get this name?
- What does Count Otto want to find out or solve?
- What happens after Count Otto loses his ring? Who appears?
- What causes Queen Ernestine to go away?

# **After Reading: Ask Questions**

• Ask, "Who are the main characters in this story? What is the most important thing that happens? How does the story end?

### **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

## If your child enjoyed this book:

- Imagine "What Happens Next." Talk with your child about how Count
  Otto might get Queen Ernestine to come back. Have them draw or write
  their own ending to the story showing what happens. Share your ideas
  together!
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