



Betushka and the Wood Fairy

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Magic, Joy, Hard Work

Book Brief: A magical tale about a girl who meets a mysterious wood fairy and learns that sometimes the most wonderful moments come when we least expect them!

Author:
Storytime

Illustrator:
Teresa Martinez

BEFORE READING

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

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever gotten distracted from something you were supposed to do because you were having fun? What happened?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

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

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about the central message or lesson of this story. What does Betushka learn about magic, work, and joy?"



Think Aloud: "I notice that Betushka chooses dancing with the wood fairy over her daily work because it brings her joy. I think the magical experience changes her forever, even after the fairy disappears."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What does Betushka do every day in the woods?
- Why does Betushka forget about her spinning?
- What happens each day when the wood fairy appears?
- How does Betushka feel about missing her work?
- Why do you think Betushka never sees the wood fairy again?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What is the central message or lesson of this story? What did Betushka learn about magic and the wood fairy's visit?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "Do you think the wood fairy was real or a magical memory? Why does it matter?" Encourage students to draw or write about a special memory or magical moment they've experienced (or imagine one they'd like to have) and explain what made it feel magical or special. Students can share their magical moments and discuss how some of life's best experiences are the ones we remember most.

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- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
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