

Read Aloud Guide for Families



Half a Blanket

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Themes: Respect, Kindness, Compassion

Book Brief: A touching Irish folktale about an elderly father, his son, and a child's wisdom that teaches an important lesson about how we treat those we love!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Do you have grandparents or older family members you care about? Why are they important to you?"
- Explain to your child that this is an Irish folktale about an elderly father and his family, and it teaches an important lesson about respect and kindness.

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why does the son think his father should leave? How does the son feel about his elderly father?
- What does the daughter-in-law do about the blanket? How does she feel about it?
- What does the grandson say that surprises everyone? What does his words mean?
- How does the son's heart change? What does he do at the end?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What is the lesson or main idea of this story? Why is the grandson's comment so important? What does this story teach us about how we should treat our elders?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Talk about "Treating Family with Respect." Discuss ways your child can show kindness and respect to elderly family members or people in their lives (like listening, helping, spending time together, or making them something special). Draw or write about one kind thing they can do, just like the son learned to appreciate his father.
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