

Imani's Moon

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Maasai Culture, Moon, Folktales, Perseverance

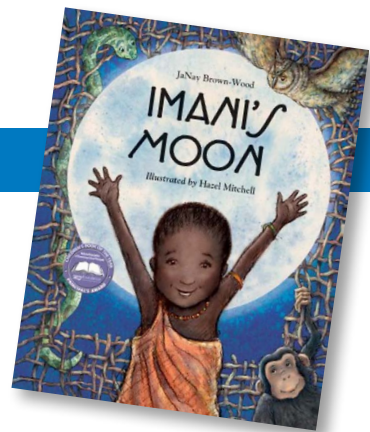
Book Brief: Imani is teased by the other children in her tribe for being so small. With the love and encouragement of her mother, Imani proves that size is not a measure of what a person can accomplish.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make

predictions: Where do you think the story takes place? What role might the animals play in this story? What does the title mean?

While reading, make

connections: Have you

ever been teased? Who encourages you? What do you dream of doing? Have you ever been inspired by someone? How?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ What was the main idea of this story?
- ◆ Could the ending have been different if the other children were nicer to Imani?
- ◆ What might have happened if Imani hadn't touched the moon?
- ◆ How was this story similar to others you've read? Is this fiction or nonfiction?
- ◆ How do you know?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

MOON PHASES AND MILK!

Ingredients: chocolate cream-filled cookies, milk, toothpick

Go to www.moonphases.info/moon_phases.html for a look at the different moon phases. Separate cookies and use the toothpick to create the moon phases by scraping off parts of the cookie cream filling. Once finished, enjoy your moon phases with a tall glass of milk, the staple drink of the Maasai.

MAGICAL MOON ROCK

Materials: clay, old tennis ball, white acrylic paint, glitter, paint brush

Make your own magical moon rock like the one Imani was given! Warm up clay in your hands and then mold it around the tennis ball. Decide if you want your moon rock to be smooth or have craters like

the moon itself. Let the moon rock dry; paint the clay with white paint. Sprinkle a little glitter on the wet paint and let dry.

SKY I SPY

What do you see when you look at the night sky? Do you see constellations like Imani? Download these free apps and you can have a handy guide to what is right above your head: **Sky View Free** (iPhone) and **Star Chart** (Android). You can also download a free sky map at www.skymaps.com. Make up your own story about one of the constellations you see! How did it form?

TECHNOLOGY LINK

Get a closer look at the Maasai jumping dance at www.youtube.com/watch?v=AidkPPF49xc.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER FOLKTALES ABOUT THE SKY

Coyote Places the Stars, Harriet Peck Taylor (1997)

Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back, Joseph Bruchac (1997)

Why the Sky Is Far Away: A Nigerian Tale, Mary-Joan Gerson (1995)



Reading Is
Fundamental