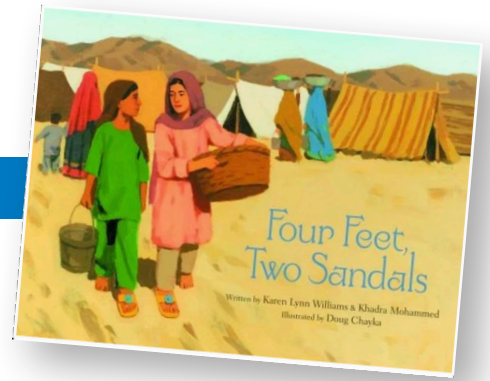


# Four Feet, Two Sandals



## A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

**Themes:** Friendship, Problem Solving, Social Issues

**Grade Level:** Kindergarten to 3rd grade

**Book Brief:** A young girl in a refugee camp is thrilled to find one sandal that fits until she sees that another girl has the match. The two girls develop a friendship based on sharing and hope.

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before reading, build background:** Talk to your child about refugees and the kinds of situations, like war, that may cause them to leave their homes. Explain that, while the families are looking for a permanent place to settle, they may stay for a while in a refugee camp with limited supplies.

**While reading, make inferences:** What can we infer about life in a refugee camp by the details presented in the story?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- Why did the girls have to share the sandals?
- What was the creative solution to the problem of having only two sandals for four feet?
- Where was Lina's family going at the end of the story?
- Why did each girl take one sandal when they had to say goodbye?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### REMEMBRANCE CRAFT

Materials: Varies, may include paper, coloring supplies, paint, paper rolls, tape, stickers, stones, clay, etc.

Design something with your child that can be split into two pieces and will carry special meaning for you both. If you are crafting with paper, you can rip or cut the item. If you are crafting with rocks or something that can't be easily split, make two identical items. Talk about the meaning of the object and split it so that you have and share this special item.



### 5 THINGS

Materials: Paper, pencil/pen

Talk with your child about the fact that many people move from place to place throughout their lives and, sometimes, people stay somewhere temporarily while they are finding their next permanent location. Make a list of the special things that your child would want to bring if they could only bring 5 items. Make a list for yourself, too. Discuss your choices and the meanings behind each one.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP:

- [Amos & Boris \(1971\)](#)
- [A New Friend: One Book, Two Stories \(2022\)](#)
- [The Kindest Red: A Story of Hijab and Friendship \(2023\)](#)