

Discussion Guide for Families



Wild River

Author: Rodman Philbrick

Illustrator: Rodman Philbrick

Themes: Adventure, Teamwork, Friendship, Nature

Book Brief: A story about a group of young adventurers who must work together to overcome dangers after a big flood hits their white-water rafting trip.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Model how to connect to the story by sharing your own observations and experiences related to nature and the outdoors. Discuss any experiences you've had with white water rafting, camping, or facing unexpected challenges while on an adventure. Ask your child, "Have you ever experienced something unexpected or challenging in nature? How did you feel?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- While reading the story, discuss ways the characters experience emotions. Ask "How do you think Daniel feels when the flood starts? Ask "Why do you think teamwork is so important for Daniel and his friends to survive? Can you think of a time when we had to work together as a team?"

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What was your favorite part of Daniel's adventure, and why?
- If you were on a survival adventure like Daniel, what three things would you want to have with you and why?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Visiting a local river or stream to observe the water. Discuss how rivers can change with weather and seasons, relating it to the river's significance in the book.