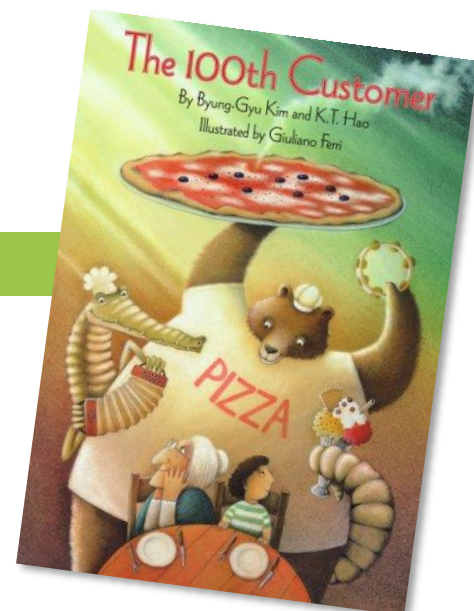


# The 100th Customer



## READ ALOUD GUIDE

**Themes:** Caring, Family, Friendship, Generosity, Giving, Kindness

**Book Brief:** Ben Bear and Chris Croc run a pizza restaurant and surprise a boy and his grandmother by pretending he's their 100th customer, giving them free food. This heartwarming story shows how kindness can bring joy and unexpected rewards.

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## BEFORE READING

**The Cover:** Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

**The Pictures:** Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about the boy.

**Prior Knowledge:** Ask students, "What is something that warms your heart?" (makes you happy)

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

**Purpose for Reading:** "As we read today, watch how the restaurant celebrates their 100th customer."

## DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What did Ben Bear learn from the boy and grandma?
- Explain why the boy was moving rocks.
- How did Ben Bear make sure the boy was the 100th customer?
- Why do you think the boy called his grandma?

## AFTER READING

**Our Purpose:** Ben Bear and Cris Croc created a celebration for the 100th customer each day. How did this impact the community?

**Extending Our Thinking Using [RIF's Recipe Card](#),** have students create a friendship pie. What toppings would you use and what would they represent.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about kindness.
  - [Hello, Neighbor!: The Kind and Caring World of Mister Rogers](#) (2020)
  - [Race to Kindness](#) (2024)