

# **Discussion Guide for Families**



#### Stuck

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**Themes:** Emotions and Feelings

Book Brief: When Floyd's kite gets stuck in a tree, he tries to free it by throwing increasingly unusual items, but they all get stuck too. His hilarious attempts, including tossing a shoe, a boat, and even an orangutan, lead to an imaginative and chaotic adventure.

#### **READ ALOUD**

# **Before Reading: Build Background**

 Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask, "What does it mean to be stuck?" Talk about how "stuck" can mean being physically trapped, like in a tree, or mentally stuck, like on a tricky math problem.

### While Reading: Make Connection

- How do you think Floyd is feeling? What in the picture makes you think that?
- Why do you think Floyd keeps throwing things into the tree even though they get stuck? What else could he try?
- •What is Floyd forgetting when he falls asleep?

# **After Reading: Ask Questions**

 How did Floyd's actions create more problems? Can you think of a time you tried to solve a problem, and it didn't go as planned? What did you do differently to fix it?

#### RELATED ACTIVITIES

# If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Let them explore more books written by author Oliver Jeffers such as Lost and Found and The Day the Crayons Quit.