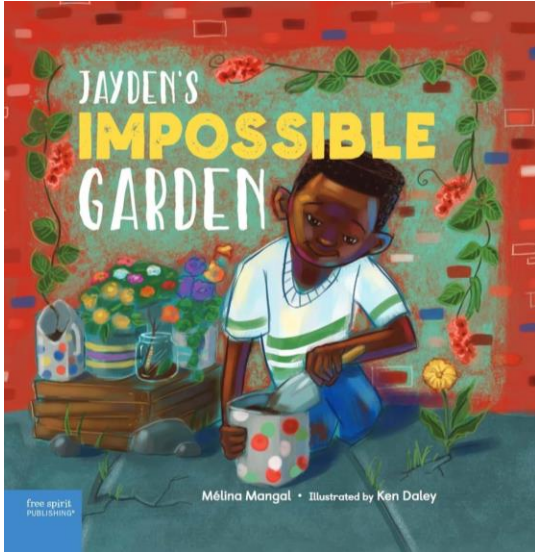


Discussion Guide for Families



Jayden's Impossible Garden

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Themes: Environment and Sustainability

Book Brief: Jayden sees nature all around his city neighborhood, but Mama doesn't believe it exists. With help from his friend Mr. Curtis, Jayden creates a community garden, bringing neighbors together and inspiring others to see the magic of nature in unexpected places.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child “What do you think might be “impossible” about the garden?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- Why do you think Jayden loves nature so much?
- Why does Jayden's mom keep saying, “There's no nature here in the middle of the city”?
- How did Jayden and Mr. Curtis discover they both loved nature?
- How did they work together to show the neighborhood and Jayden's mom that they could create a garden in the city?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Could you do something like Jayden and Mr. Curtis in your neighborhood? What would you build or create?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encourage them to talk about it during other conversations.
- Check out RIF's [Sustainable Futures](#) center to learn more about sustainability with related books and resources.