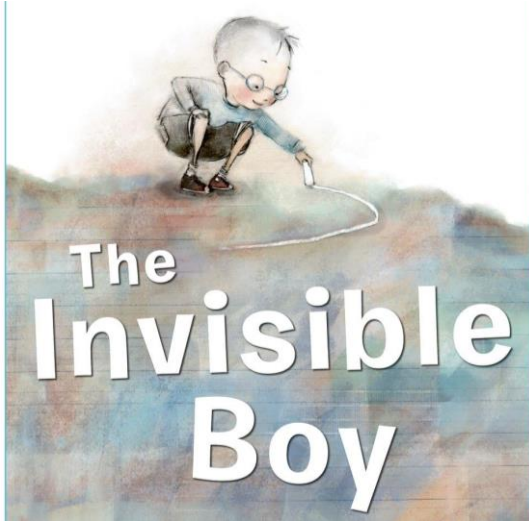


Discussion Guide for Families



The Invisible Boy

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Themes: Emotions and Feelings

Book Brief: Brian is an invisible boy who is often overlooked by his classmates until a new student, Justin, arrives. Through a simple act of kindness, Brian and Justin form a friendship, helping Brian finally feel seen and valued.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask your child “What do you think it feels like to be invisible to others? Have you ever seen someone left out or not included in a group?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- How does Brian feel when his classmates ignore him? What clues in the story show you how he feels?
- How does Brian’s act of kindness towards Justin change their relationship? What does this tell us about the power of kindness?
- How does Brian finally feel seen and valued? What happens when he works together with Justin on the class project?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What did you learn from Brian’s story about how small acts of kindness can help others feel included and important?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

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