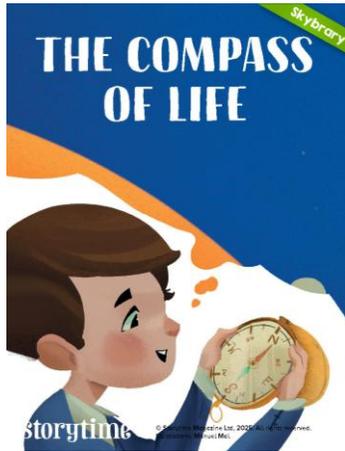


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Compass of Life

Author: Storytime

Illustrator: Manuel Mal

Themes: Curiosity, Discovery, STEM

Book Brief: Little Albert gets a cool gift – where do you think it will lead him?

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever gotten a gift that made you curious and want to learn more about something? What was it?"
- Explain to your child that this story is about real events, but it is told like a story with characters, a setting, and events in order.

While Reading: Make Connections

- What gift does little Albert receive? How does it make him feel?
- What questions does Albert have about the compass and the world? What experiments does he try?
- Who helps Albert learn more? How do books help him understand the universe?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What is the main idea of this story? How did one simple gift lead Albert on a journey of discovery? What does this teach us about being curious?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Explore with a compass or magnet together. If you have a compass, observe how it works. Experiment with magnets and objects to see what they attract. Talk about the questions this creates and how asking "why" and "how" helps us learn, just like Albert's curiosity led him to become a great scientist.
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