

Read Aloud Guide for Families



Ruthie

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Themes: Adventure, Family, Perspectives

Book Brief: A charming story about Ruthie, who believes he's a prince living in a castle but discovers through adventure what really matters most—home and love!

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "Have you ever wanted to go somewhere new or try something different? What happened?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- How does Ruthie see himself and his home? What does he call his owner and his house?
- What does Ruthie want to do? Why does he want to leave his castle?
- What happens when Ruthie goes on his adventure? How does he feel when he's away from home?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "How does Ruthie see the world? Is his life really like a prince's life, or does he just think it is? What does Ruthie learn about home and the people who love him?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Play "Different Points of View." Look at objects or situations from different perspectives. For example, how would your pet see your home? How would a tiny bug see your backyard? Draw pictures showing the same place from different points of view, just like Ruthie saw his home as a castle.
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