



Clara's Berries

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Family, Sharing, Kindness

Book Brief: Clara loves her berries and her belongings, but she slowly learns that sharing can make special moments even sweeter.

Author:
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Illustrator:
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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Is it always easy to share things you really like? How do you feel when you share with others?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about the main idea or message of this story. What does Clara learn about sharing and kindness?"

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- How does Clara feel about sharing her berries?
- What happens that makes Clara's family need some happiness?
- How does Clara's view about sharing change throughout the day?
- Why do you think sharing the berries makes Clara feel good?



Think Aloud: "At first, Clara doesn't want to share her berries. But when her family needs happiness, she starts sharing and sees how it makes them feel better. The main message is that sharing and being kind to others can bring joy to everyone, including ourselves."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What is the main message or lesson of this story? What did Clara learn about sharing and bringing happiness to others?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "How could our class share kindness with others in our school or community?" Encourage the class to brainstorm and plan one kindness project together (like making cards for a nursing home, collecting donations, or helping younger students) and discuss how working together multiplies the impact of sharing.

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