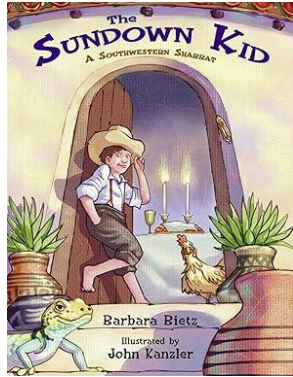


Read Aloud Guide for Families



The Sundown Kid: A Southwestern Shabbat

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Illustrator: John Kanzler

Themes: Jewish Culture & Traditions, Community

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Ask, "What do you know about the desert Southwest? What do you know about Jewish culture and traditions?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- Have you ever felt lonely in a new setting?
- What are you learning about making new friends and building community from what the boy did for his mother in the story?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, "What did you learn about traditions and customs different than your own family's or religion's traditions and customs?"

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Together, read more about different traditions and customs in other cultures, religions, and countries. Make a chart listing similarities and differences in these traditions and customs. Some of the information can come from the book, and some can come from the additional reading on the topic.
- Add some illustrations to the chart descriptions.