

# King for a Day

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

**Themes:** Bullying, Family, Kite Flying, Punjabi Culture

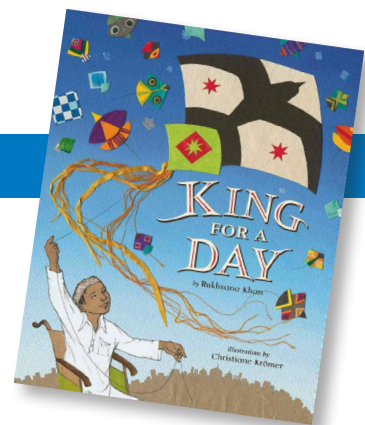
**Book Brief:** The Basant kite festival is here, and the sky is full of colorful kites all fighting to be the last kite flying. Can Malik and his one small kite win the day?

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## TIME TO READ!



**Before reading, build**

**background:** What do you know about Pakistan? Use the pictures in the book to help you see what life might be like there. Look up Lahore, Pakistan, on a map or online.

**While reading, make**

**connections:** Malik feels like a king when he's flying his kite. Is there any game, sport, or other skill that

makes you feel like a king or queen? What is it? Is there anything you're not good at but would like to learn how to do?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ Why do you think Malik gave the little girl the bully's kite at the end?
- ◆ What would you have done if you had been Malik?
- ◆ Do you think the bully will be nicer to Malik and his sister from now on?
- ◆ Why or why not?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### SPRING FEAST

Basant is a festival that celebrates the end of winter and the beginning of spring. What foods make you think of springtime? Why? Along with your friends or family, gather some of your favorite spring foods and have a spring feast! Before you eat each kind of food, explain why it makes you think of spring.

### LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Materials: newspaper or white paper, bamboo skewers, tape, scissors, string, ribbon, paint or markers

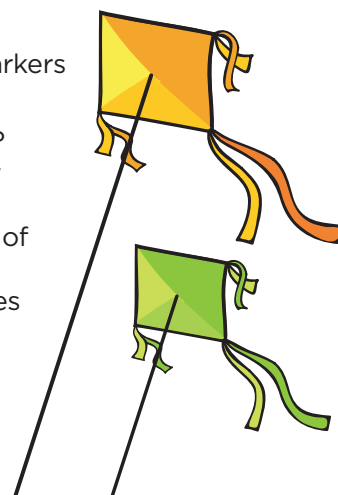
Make simple paper kite using these instructions: [www.dublinkitefestival.ie/build-a-kite](http://www.dublinkitefestival.ie/build-a-kite). Use paint or markers to decorate your kite with colorful designs like the kites in the book. Be sure to give your kite a name like Malik did. Wait for a windy day and go fly

your kite! Are you as good as Malik? Watch this brief video of the Basant festival in Lahore to inspire you: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnoHQ1d34b8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WnoHQ1d34b8).

### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Materials: paper, pencil or markers

Malik means "king" in Arabic. What does your name mean? Look up the meaning of your name online, or ask a family member to tell you the story of how your name was chosen. Is it a family name? What does it mean? Write an illustrated short story or make a comic strip showing the story of your name.



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



### OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

*Muslim Child* (2013)

*Big Red Lollipop* (2010)

*The Roses in My Carpets* (2004)



Reading Is Fundamental