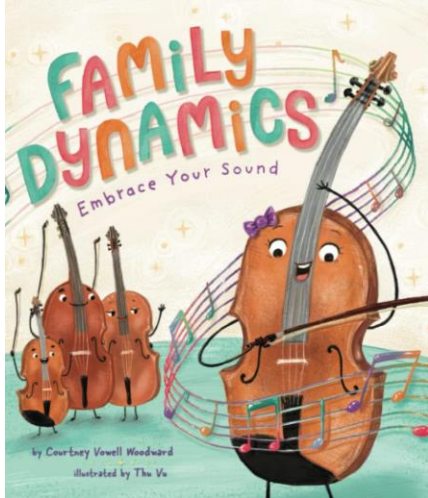


Discussion Guide for Families



Family Dynamics: Embrace Your Sound

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Themes: Music, Self-Acceptance, Diversity, Teamwork

Book Brief: A story about Violin's journey to discover the beauty of her unique sound among the diverse instruments in a music store.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Model how to connect to the story by sharing your thoughts on how every person is unique, like different instruments in an orchestra. Discuss the variety of sounds musical instruments make and how they come together to create beautiful music. Ask, "Have you ever noticed how different each person's voice sounds? Why do you think that's important?"

While Reading: Make Connections

- As you read with your child, pause to explore the variety of musical instruments and their families, encouraging curiosity about how each contributes to the orchestra's harmony. Consider questions such as, "Can you identify the different families of instruments mentioned? What makes them different from each other?" to deepen understanding of musical diversity.

After Reading: Ask Questions

- What did Violin learn about herself by the end of the story?
- Why is it important to embrace our unique qualities?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- Encouraging your child to draw what they imagine their own unique "sound" would look like if it had a shape or color. This activity can help them think abstractly about their individuality.