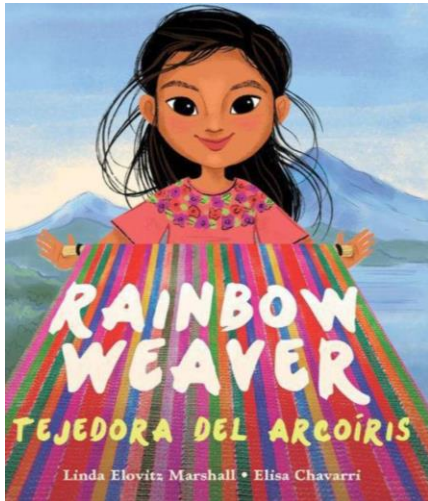


## Discussion Guide for Families



### ***Rainbow Weaver/Tejedora del Arcoiris***

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**Themes:** Art, Culture, Family, Environmentalism

**Book Brief:** A story about a young girl named Ixchel who finds a creative way to weave beautiful cloth from plastic bags, showing how we can solve problems and help our planet.

### **READ ALOUD**

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#### **Before Reading: Build Background**

- Model how to connect to the story by discussing art and crafting. Say to your child, "Let's think about how we can create art using things we find around the house. Have you ever made something beautiful out of something unexpected?" This question sets the stage for Ixchel's inventive journey in the story, connecting the concept of recycling with creativity and craft.

#### **While Reading: Make Connections**

- As you progress through the story, discuss Ixchel's feelings and creativity with your child. Questions such as, "Why do you think Ixchel wants to weave like her mother and grandmother?" and "How do you think Ixchel feels when she figures out how to use the plastic bags?" can deepen their understanding and empathy.

#### **After Reading: Ask Questions**

- How does Ixchel solve her problem, and what does this teach us about dealing with obstacles?

### **RELATED ACTIVITIES**

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#### **If your child enjoyed this book, consider:**

- Creating art projects that reuse materials, emphasizing the importance of recycling and repurposing.
- Learning more about the Mayan culture together through books, online resources, or museum visits.