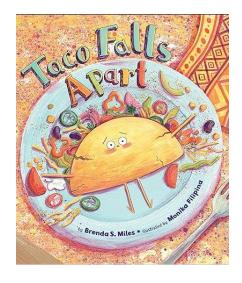


Discussion Guide for Families



Taco Falls Apart

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Themes: Social Emotional Learning

Book Brief: Taco Falls Apart gets kids thinking about how their thoughts shape feelings and behavior. Friendly and funny, this evidence-based science-informed book skillfully presents a fundamental concept of cognitive-behavior psychology in a way kids can understand.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

• Talk with your child about how life poses some problems each day. What are some of those problems in their life?

While Reading: Make Connections

- Look at the example of a taco getting "stuffed" with many ingredients.
 What happens if too much is pushed in? What can happen to the taco?
- Can that image of a cracking taco shell reflect example how life can feel sometimes? If so, how?

After Reading: Ask Questions

 What can a person learn from this story to help deal with everyday problems and difficulties?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book, consider:

- As a family, brainstorming ways to overcome worries and problems.
- Reading more books about learning to cope and thrive, such as <u>Tomatoes</u> in My Lunchbox and When I Feel Afraid/Cuando tengo miedo.