READING GUIDE

The Adventures of Rudy, the Little Red Ball

A guide to support reading, discussion, and learning with Rudy's adventure!

ABOUT THE BOOK

Rudy is a curious little red ball who leaves his toy box to explore the world outside. Along the way, he makes new friends, faces challenges, and learns important lessons about friendship, teamwork, and finding his way home.

THEMES

Friendship
Rudy meets and learns from many new friends.

Teamwork
Rudy learns that working together can solve problems.

Courage & Curiosity
Trying new things helps us grow and discover.

Home & Belonging
Home is special, and friends can be found in many places.

BEFORE READING

- Look at the cover and title. What do you think the story will be about?
- Where might Rudy go on an adventure?
- What kinds of friends do you think Rudy will meet?
- What do you think Rudy will learn?

READING TIP

Encourage students to make connections to their own adventures and experiences!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why did Rudy decide to leave the toy box?
2. Who were some of the friends Rudy met?
3. What problem did Rudy face in the forest?
4. How did Oliver the owl help Rudy?
5. How did the duck family help Rudy?
6. What lesson did Rudy learn about teamwork?
7. Why do you think Rudy was happy to return home?
8. If you could go on an adventure like Rudy, where would you go and who would you meet?

AFTER READING ACTIVITIES

- ★ Draw and write about your favorite part of the story.
- ★ Create a "Rudy's Adventure Map" showing the places Rudy visited.
- ★ Write a thank you note to one of Rudy's friends.
- ★ Act out a favorite scene with a partner or group.
- ★ Make a list of lessons Rudy learned on his adventure.

EXTENSION IDEAS

- ★ Research one of the animals Rudy met. Create an information poster about it.
- ★ Make a class "Friendship Chain" each link sharing a way to be a good friend.
- ★ Plan and share your own class adventure story!

Stories help us learn, grow, and dream. Thank you for helping your students explore Rudy's adventure and the lessons that come with it!

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