

# Your Story Tree!

With your child, use the theme branches on the STORY TREE as the seeds to create original stories. Hang this on your refrigerator or cut out the themes and choose one randomly for even more fun!

Use the STORY MAP as your guide.

FRIENDSHIP LOVE LEARNING DIFFERENCES PETS MAGIC  
COURAGE FAMILY FEELINGS WHEN I'M OLDER... IMAGINATION HOPE

**My Main Character Is ...**

**My Setting Is ...**

**Event 1**

**Story Problem**

**Event 2**

**Event 3**

**Conclusion**

# A Reader's Guide to Wordless Picture Books

## Modern Wordless Classics



**TAKE A PEEK INSIDE**  
*to see all of the ways you can enjoy a  
wordless book with your little reader!*





# *Empower the Youngest Readers!*

## *READING WITHOUT WORDS*

### *Building Critical Thinkers at Home*

#### *Predicting*

One of the best parts of wordless picture books is how free your child's imagination is while you are reading! Start your storytime with predictive questions such as:

*What do you imagine will happen in the story?*

Make sure to take pauses throughout to talk about whether what they imagined came to fruition. Predicting story elements will encourage children to use their previous experiences to develop critical thinking skills.

#### *Text-to-Self Connections*

Wordless picture books are a great tool for the early exploration of feelings. While you are reading, take the opportunity to ask your child if they have ever felt the way the character feel, or whether they have ever experienced what the character is going through. *Stormy* focuses on patience, kindness, and trust—you can use these themes as a jumping off point. How did this story make them feel? Making text-to-self connections enriches a child's understanding of a text by relating the experiences of a character to their own lives.

#### *Expanding the Story*

With your child, use the next few sheets of activities following your storytime. These are just a few ways that you can expand the story past the page!



# A Story Without Words

Work together to tell your own story without words!

First think of the characters and setting—if you need to, pull inspiration from a story you have read. Then decide the sequence of events in the story, including a problem and solution. After your child has finished drawing and decorating their story boxes, you can act out the story together, adding words if you would like!


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