



Storytime Activity Guide

Dreamers

by Yuyi Morales

Follow mother and baby as they make their way in a new and unknown home, full of hopes and dreams. They have many adventures as they navigate an unfamiliar world and discover the treasure and wonders of the public library. Here they find inspiration, creativity, home and their voice.

Did you know?

Having a large **vocabulary** helps children to express themselves, learn new words and new concepts quickly. You can build vocabulary skills by talking about new words you see in *Dreamers*. Practice saying the word out loud and see if you have a memory or experience that is related to the new word!

Talk about it!

- In *Dreamers*, mom and baby move to a new and different place. How do you think they feel about this new place? Have you ever been in a place that you were unfamiliar with? What happened? How did it feel?
- Mom and baby discover a special place. What special place did they find? How do they feel about the library, books and reading? How can you tell they feel that way?

Play: (activity with no materials)

Act it Out! Ask your child about one or more of their favorite books and choose a favorite page or scene. Look at a picture in the book and act out what you think is happening.

For a longer activity, create a short skit or play with characters from the book and assign roles to family members and put on a play.

Find More Online

Scan this QR code to find book recommendations, online activity guides, and other fun resources.



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Create: Make your own Book!

- Materials needed:**
- construction paper
 - child safety scissors
 - hole punch
 - glue
 - ribbon, yarn, or jump rings
 - crayons, markers, or colored pencils

In her author's note, Yuyi Morales shares how the picture books she found at the library inspired her to create her own books and tell her stories. Like Yuyi, make a book and tell your own story!

1. Fold your pieces of paper in half.
2. Use the hole puncher to create two evenly-spaced holes through the pieces of folded construction paper along the folded edge.
3. Tie the yarn through the holes in the construction paper to secure the pages.
4. Help your child create a book cover and title for their story. Ask your child what story they would like to tell. Is this story about family or maybe it's about their favorite animals?
5. Encourage your child to draw the elements of their story, or to find photos they would like to add using old magazines. Always supervise your child when using safety scissors and glue.
6. Share the book together! Ask your child to talk about the story they wanted to share and the pictures they included.

