

Activities to Pair with Books and Music

For parents and adults:

How to use this guide: Please use these ideas in ways that work best for your children. The Concepts listed and Bible Readings are for grown-up background material... to support you. Reading aloud the book together, or watching on YouTube, creates special experiences especially when the Wonder Questions are used. Enjoy together!

Age Level: 7-10

Concepts: Resilience. Courage

Bible or Quaker wisdom: [Joshua 1:9](#) ESV Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

The Book or Music: *Baseball Saved Us* by Ken Mochizuki, art by Dom Lee, Scholastic, c. 1993. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TooObOf0x4w>

The following video is for older children or adults, It is an interview with George Takei who was interned with his parents.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX0rsEb3qds>

Additionally, *American Pastime* a full-length movie, 2007, is available through various sources. Most appropriate for older elementary, we suggest with parental participation for discussion.

Wondering Questions: Wondering Questions give children an opportunity to reflect on the story, make it their own, and use their creative thinking. Wondering Questions do not have right and wrong answers; they encourage imagination and deep reflection.

I wonder what part of the story you like best?

I wonder where you would put yourself in the story?

I wonder what suggestions this story has for you and/or our family?

Activities: Get outside! Swing a bat at a ball, play catch, kickball, run a race with a dog. Go for it!