

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 Wondering Questions are used. Enjoy together!

Concepts: Kindness, Gratitude, Empowerment

Bible or Quaker wisdom:

1 Peter 4:10 - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (English Standard Version)

The Books and Music:

This book is suitable for older children. The main concept of the book and music is sharing our gifts.

Flowers for Sarajevo, John McCutcheon

Illustrator: Kristy Caldwell

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKBa5NLunxg>

Grade 4 PS249 - classroom teacher gives background information to book (0-3:02) and then reads it. 9 minutes -along with interjecting reflective questions

Music: To listen to John McCutcheon sing "In the Streets of Sarajevo," go to

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH40q-nsXNA>

Note: Click on the CC button on the button navigation bar to see the lyrics.

Lyrics only: <https://www.musixmatch.com/lyrics/John-McCutcheon/In-the-Streets-of-Sarajevo>

"In the Streets of Sarajevo," sung by John McCutcheon, is available at Spotify

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?

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I wonder where you would put yourself in the story?

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

I wonder which “gifts” you may wish to share?

Activities: Multigenerational

Explore together with children what special “gifts” you each have that you can share with others. Ideas may include helping with chores, making a greeting card and sending to someone who is lonesome, playing music by telephone or Zoom and telling jokes, even giving extra hugs to those you are near. We all have ways to help and be kind to others. Be creative and invent your own ideas!

Note: There is a book and lesson on the same topic for younger children. See *Good People Everywhere* by Lynea Gillen.