

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!

Concept: "To be quiet and still is a special thing."

Bible or Quaker wisdom:

John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." (New International Version)

The Book or Music:

Quiet, written and illustrated by Tomie dePaola

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZp2cSzWc14> - out loud

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifiE2TToKWA> - out loud

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCKJYn_A3eU - partial

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?

I wonder how it feels to you to be quiet after we were so busy?

Activities:

Before reading the story, do some very busy, very physical things together. Then sit down in a quiet space and gently read or watch the story. Have a few moments of quiet and then ask the Wondering Questions, also including one such as: "I wonder how it feels to you to be quiet after we were so busy."