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Book Guide



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READ TOGETHER

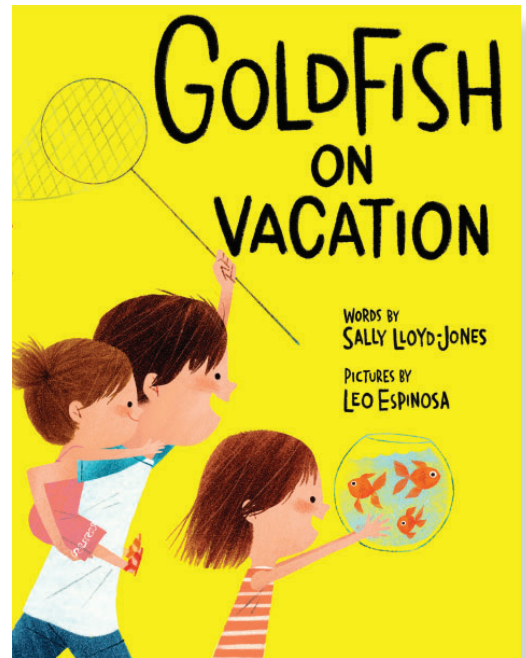
Goldfish on Vacation

By Sally Lloyd-Jones, Illustrated by Leo Espinosa

This is a completely true made-up story about a New York City fountain that was used as a goldfish pond. This charming book celebrates the power of one person to change a tiny corner of the world.

After you read *Goldfish on Vacation*, read about Hamilton Fountain, the very place where the story unfolds.

If this story inspires you, check out some other books that celebrate the power of one to make a difference.



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ACTIVITY

Thanks to Read Aloud Revival for this activity plan.

Visit a local fountain or Koi pond

Do a little research and find a local fountain or Koi pond to visit, if you can visit safely with social distancing. Can't get to one? Try this Live Cam Koi Pond! Bring snacks (goldfish crackers, anyone?) and the book to read together while you're there. Here's a photo of Sally Lloyd-Jones at Hamilton Fountain with Brad, the real man who cleaned up the fountain. See more about their visit here.



Play Go Fish

Why not, right?



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DISCUSS

Thanks to [Read Aloud Revival](#) for these discussion questions.

Ask any of these questions to spark a conversation.

Remember that asking compelling questions is more important than getting compelling answers. Some discussions will be long and meaningful, others will be short and light. They all count, they all matter, and they all help your child develop the habit of asking questions while reading.

Remember to smile a lot. This is all about connection!

-  Who do you think is the main character of this story? The children? The goldfish? Grandpa? Or the man at the fountain? Remember that the protagonist, or main character, moves the action of the story forward.
-  Who does the man at the fountain remind you of? What about the grandfather?
-  Which page in the book was most enticing to you? Was it the illustrations or the words on that page that drew you in? Or both?
-  What surprised you about this story?
-  What is something you don't want to forget about *Goldfish on Vacation*?
-  If you got to pick one word to describe what this book is about, which word would you choose? (Some ideas to get you started: summer, vacation, generosity, nostalgia.) Why did you choose that word?
-  If you could ask the author a question about this book, what would you ask her?

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