

**Title, Author, Illustrator:**

Lolo's Sari-Sari Store

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## *Ideas for enjoying the book at home*

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### **About the Book:**

Every summer, she helped Lolo in his sari-sari store a small shop full of goods, stories, and love. Now far from home, she misses the warmth of the Philippines and Lolo's gentle wisdom. But as she learns to connect with her new community, she discovers that kindness, like Lolo taught her, is something you can share anywhere.

A heartwarming story of family, culture, and finding home wherever you are.



### **Before Reading:**

- What do you notice about the cover?
- What do you think about the title?
- What do you think we will discover in this book?



### **While Reading:**

- What do you notice in the picture?
- What do you think about what we just read?
- What are you curious about now?



### **After Reading:**

- What did you think about the book?
- How did it make you feel?
- What was your favorite part?

### **Jump into Joyful Reading!**

Invite your child to share their thinking and ask questions as you enjoy the book together. The main thing is to have fun and enjoy one another's company as you read together. Here are some things you can say and do to create a joyful reading experience for your child.

**Turn the page over for  
creative expression ideas!**



# Creative Expression Activities

After you read the book, unleash your imagination and creativity! Use the ideas below to choose your own adventure. What other ideas did the book inspire your amazing mind to think of?

 <b>Creative Writing</b>	 <b>Visual and Digital Arts</b>	 <b>Kindness and Community</b>
<p><b>My Own Sari-Sari Store!</b></p> <p>Creative Writing &amp; Drawing Activity</p> <p>Directions: Imagine you have your own sari-sari store like Lolo's!</p> <p>What do you sell?</p> <p>Who comes to visit?</p> <p>How do you help your community?</p> <p>Write 3-5 sentences about your store. Then, draw a picture of it and label the items or people in it!</p>	<p><b>Design Your Own Sari-Sari Store</b></p> <p>Visual &amp; Digital Art Activity</p> <p>Directions: Create a picture of your own sari-sari store using drawing, collage, or a digital art tool (like Paint, Tayasui Sketches, or Google Drawings).</p> <p>Show what your store looks like</p> <p>Include items you'd sell</p> <p>Add people visiting your store!</p> <p>Be creative—use colors, shapes, and your imagination!</p>	<p><b>Spread a Little Kindness</b></p> <p>Kindness &amp; Community Activity</p> <p>Directions: Think of one way you can be kind or helpful in your home or neighborhood just like Lolo!</p> <p>Draw or write about your kind action.</p> <p>Who did you help?</p> <p>How did it make them feel? How did it make you feel?</p> <p>Small acts of kindness can make a big difference!</p>
 <b>Mindfulness and Self-Awareness</b>	 <b>Music and Movement</b>	 <b>Dramatic Play</b>
<p><b>Quiet Like Lolo</b></p> <p>Meditation &amp; Mindfulness Activity</p> <p>Directions: Find a quiet place to sit. Close your eyes and take 3 deep breaths—in through your nose, out through your mouth.</p> <p>Now think about a place that makes you feel calm and happy (like Lolo's store!).</p> <p>What do you see, hear, and smell there?</p> <p>Draw or write about this peaceful place.</p>	<p><b>Move to the Market Beat</b></p> <p>Music &amp; Movement Activity</p> <p>Directions: Imagine you're walking through a busy sari-sari store in the Philippines! What sounds do you hear? What movements do you see?</p> <p>Clap a rhythm like footsteps or a friendly Tao po! knock.</p> <p>Make up a dance showing how you help in the store—stocking shelves, waving to neighbors, handing out goods.</p> <p>Perform your store dance to music you like—or even a Filipino folk song!</p>	<p><b>Sari-Sari Store Pretend Play</b></p> <p>Dramatic Play Activity</p> <p>Directions: Pretend you're the shopkeeper of your very own sari-sari store!</p> <p>Use toys or household items as goods to sell.</p> <p>Make signs or price tags.</p> <p>Take turns being the shopkeeper and the customer with a family member or stuffed animal.</p> <p>Practice saying kind greetings like, Hello, friend! or What can I help you with today?</p>