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Adela's Mariachi Band

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Ideas for enjoying the book at home

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About the Book:

Adela loves everything about her family's mariachi band, especially the music, dancing, and joy they share together. She dreams of joining the band, but when she tries the trumpet, vihuela, and even dancing, things don't go quite as planned. Adela begins to wonder if she will ever find her place. With encouragement from her family, she discovers that everyone has something special to contribute. This joyful story celebrates family, culture, perseverance, and the importance of finding your own unique way to shine.



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?

 Creative Writing	 Visual and Digital Arts	 Kindness and Community
Our Family Band! Create a name for your family band. Then write or draw a short song about your family, something you enjoy doing together, or your community. Sing your song together when you're finished!	Design a Sombrero! Look at the colorful clothing and sombreros in the story. Draw and decorate your own sombrero using crayons, paper, or art supplies. You can also create one using a digital drawing tool.	Make a Difference! Talk about how Adela worked with others and helped bring her community together. As a family, think of one kind thing you can do for someone in your home or community. Work together to make it happen!
 Mindfulness and Self-Awareness	 Music and Movement	 Dramatic Play
How Music Makes Me Feel! Choose a favorite song and listen together. Close your eyes and notice how the music makes you feel. Share a word, color, movement, or picture that describes how the music made you feel.	Family Mariachi! Listen to a mariachi song together. Clap, tap, march, or dance to the beat. Then use household objects to create your own instruments and make music as a family.	Pretend your family is a band! Choose instruments or make pretend ones from household items. Pick a song, practice together, and perform for your family audience!