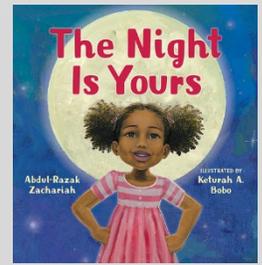




The Night Is Yours

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Reading with your child is an excellent way to expose your child to words, topics, and ideas that are more complex than what they would see in books they can read on their own.

Read Aloud Tips

Read aloud every day

Establish a routine

Turn off all screens

Get comfy

Take time to look at the pictures

Read in silly voices

Explain new words

Let kids move around if they need to

Ask questions

Answer questions

Activities

- » **Before Reading:** Take a picture walk through the book and discuss what your child thinks the book will be about. Try to make connections to your child's experience by asking "Have you ever played outside at night?"
- » **During Reading:** Discuss and explain new words. Stop occasionally to ask your child what might happen next or how Amani might be feeling.
- » **After Reading:** Discuss the importance of community and the importance of feeling good about yourself no matter how different you might be.
- » **Play Hide and Seek:** Play a family game of hide and seek in the dark! If you don't feel safe playing outside at night, play inside and use flashlights.
- » **Self-portrait:** Gather various art materials for your child to create a self-portrait. As your child creates, point out details about them like the specific color of their skin, the color of their eyes, special birth marks, etc.
- » **Observe the Moon:** Create a moon journal with your child. Each night for a week or a month before going to bed, have your child find the moon. Ask questions like "what shape is the moon tonight?" or "does the moon seem as bright tonight?". Have your child write or draw their observations in their moon journal. Point out how the moon changes.

