



Reading Together: Family Book Club Kit

Add a literary twist to family time with this Family Book Club Kit. The kit is designed for families of all ages and for fiction or non-fiction books. Choose a book and start reading together!

Supplies

- Printer
- Paper (cardstock makes sturdier bookmarks)
- Scissors, paper cutter (optional)
- Colored pencils, markers, or crayons

Getting Ready

- **Print**
 - Reading Together: A Family Book Club Kit
 - Book Club Bookmarks (cardstock makes sturdier bookmarks)

Printables

- **Reading Together: A Family Book Club Kit**
 - Book Club Discussion Guide (includes fiction or non-fiction)
 - Hosting Plans Checklist
 - Themed Bites Brainstorming section
- **Book Club Bookmarks**
 - Cut out and decorate 15 themed bookmarks!
 - Rate your book 1-5 stars
 - Your favorite quote
 - If you liked this book, you should read . . .



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Reading Together

Celebrate books and nurture a life-long love of reading! This Family Book Club Kit guides you through planning and hosting your very own Family Book Club. Perfect for a monthly event or a one-time gathering, this kit provides:

- Suggestions for choosing books
- A Discussion Guide to get the conversation going
- A Themed Bites section for brainstorming book-themed snacks
- Bookmarks to cut out, rate books, share favorite quotes, and suggest similar reads

Choosing Books

Book choice depends heavily on your group's ages and interests. You can choose picture books, easy-readers, audiobooks, read-aloud books, chapterbooks, novels, non-fiction, poetry, and more. All of these are great!

To choose a book:

- Suggest 3-5 books.
- Have family members vote to select one.
- At the end of each Book Club Event, ask everyone to suggest 1 or 2 books to vote on for your next read.

All suggestions should be accepted and considered. A benefit of a book club is that it challenges readers to try reading and discussing books they may not typically choose.

The Read-Aloud Book Club

For early readers or pre-readers, consider a Read-Aloud Book Club! Even for advanced readers, reading aloud is a special experience.

- **Choosing a Book:** Offer a few short picture books or early-reader books for your family to vote on as your Family Book Club Book.
- **Themed Bites:** When planning themed snacks, look at the cover art and pictures for fun snack ideas.
- **Craft Time!** You can also prepare a simple craft based on the book for everyone to create while discussing it. This can keep little hands busy while you chat.
- **Read-Aloud:** During your Family Book Club, have an adult or older sibling read the book aloud and then discuss it together.

Family Book Club Discussion Guide

These Book Club Discussion Questions will work for any book.
Feel free to tailor them to your family's ages and interests.

Fiction Book Discussion Questions

- 1) Did anything in this book surprise you? How?
- 2) If you could spend one day as a character in this book, who would it be and why?
- 3) Do you have a favorite picture or illustration in this book? Why do you like it?
- 4) What did you think about the ending of the book? If you could rewrite it, how would you end it differently?
- 5) How are the characters' lives different from the way you live?
- 6) If you could ask the author one question, what would it be?
- 7) Did anything in this book change the way you think about something? What is it and why?
- 8) Where (or when) does this book take place? Would you want to live there or visit? Why or why not?
- 9) If you could change one scene or event in this book, what is it and how would you change it?
- 10) How would this book be different if it were written from another character's point of view?

Non-Fiction Book Discussion Questions

- 1) What did you learn from this book?
- 2) Did anything in this book surprise you? How?
- 3) Was this book about something you already knew about? What did you already know?
- 4) Do you have a favorite picture or illustration in this book? What makes it your favorite?
- 5) If you could ask the author one question, what would it be?
- 6) If you could spend one day as a person or character in this book, who would it be and why?
- 7) Did anything in this book change the way you think about something? What is it and why?
- 8) Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- 9) Does this book remind you of another book you have read? Which book and how are they similar?
- 10) Did you believe everything in this book, or did you question some of the story?

Discussion Questions Lists

Many authors have discussion questions written specifically about their books! Some discussion question lists are printed right in the back of the book, and others are available on the publisher's or author's website. A quick online search can also result in lists of questions tailored to specific books. For younger readers or pre-readers, a craft based on the book can be a fun addition to the discussion.

Hosting your Family Book Club

You can make your Book Club event as grand or as simple as you'd like. Go all-out with decorations, costumes, and special-themed snacks, or chat over a simple family meal or a picnic at the playground; it is all about reading and family time. However you plan your Book Club event, the Host Checklist and the Themed Bites brainstorming page will help you get started!

Host Checklist

Book: _____

Author: _____

Book Club Date: _____ **Time:** _____

Location: _____

Our Next Book: _____

Notes and Ideas:

Themed Bites

Brainstorm ideas for some fun snacks that reflect the artwork, themes, or plot points of your book. These snack ideas can be as simple or elaborate as you like!

Book Artwork or Moment	Snack Idea	Ingredients

Notes: