



# Just for Fun

Now that you and your child have read the story, enjoy one or more of the following activities. Remember, it's also OK to read the story again and again!

## My First Kwanzaa Book

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## Activities

- The book tells of families coming together during Kwanzaa and sharing stories. Ask your child about a recent family "get together." Let your child write a short story or draw pictures about this get together and read it to you.
- Make a family tree with your child. Cut out photographs of family members. Then draw squares or oval shapes on construction paper. Draw one oval/square at the bottom of the paper where your child's picture is to be placed and work your way up. Help your child put down the names of each person in your family.
- Gift-giving is also a part of the Kwanzaa tradition. Help your child cover toilet paper tubes with black, red, or green construction paper. Next, get orange or yellow tissue paper and place candies or nuts in the middle. Gather the four corners of the tissue to hide the nuts/candies. Push the tissue into the tube and tie the tissue leaving an inch of tissue sticking out. This will be the flame of the candle. Have your child cut gift tags from construction paper and help him or her write on them the names of the people who will receive the gifts.

## Read More About It!

If you and your child enjoyed this book, look for these related titles at your local library or bookstore: *K is for Kwanzaa: A Kwanzaa Alphabet Book* by Juwanda G. Ford and Ken Wilson-Max, *Kwanzaa Celebration* by Nancy Williams and Robert Sambuda, *The Gifts of Kwanzaa* by Synthia Saint James, *Seven Days of Kwanzaa* by Ella Grier, and *Kwanzaa* by Janet Riehecky.



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