



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!

Seven Candles for Kwanzaa

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Activities

- In the story, the family celebrates the harvest of fruits and vegetables. Make a "Happy Kwanzaa" banner. Tape together two or three sheets of construction or bond paper. With a pencil, write the phrase "Happy Kwanzaa" across the banner. Have your child glue corn kernels or beans over the written words to form the letters of the phrase.
- Make Kwanzaa candles using empty toilet paper tubes, a cereal box, or construction paper. Paint or color (green, black, and red) the paper candles and staple cut-out candle flames to them. Create a kinara (candle holder) by cutting seven holes in a shoe box top and sticking a candle in each of the holes. Write the seven principles of Kwanzaa on a piece of cardboard and cut out each word. Have your child tape each word to the appropriate candle.
- Explain to your child that the seven principles of Kwanzaa help people to become better people. List the seven principles on a piece of paper and encourage your child to write an example activity beside each one (e.g., sharing in the household chores). This shows the principle for the third day.

Read More About It!

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



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