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Does this book remind you of anything else?	Does this book remind you of anything else?	Does this book remind you of anything else?	Does this book remind you of anything else?	Does this book remind you of anything else?
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Notes for parents/teachers



Print, cut and laminate these bookmarks! Use as prompts or guides to develop discussion, empathy and inference skills when reading picture books!

In this section, choose a character who has done something specific, ask the child whether they think the character should have done it. Why or why not?

Pick two characters from the story and ask the child to compare how they are like each other. They can also consider how they are different. They can use evidence from the text or illustrations to support.

Choose any picture in the book and use it to engage conversation and discussion. Consider what the child can see, what can they infer from it, can they make predictions from it? Do the colours match the tone of the story? Do the images provide more information than the text itself?

If they could ask any character any question, then what would it be? You can also ask them to consider what they think the character's response might be and why!

Does it remind them of other stories they have read, films they have seen or any experience in their own life?

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