

Book Title: Mango Moon

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Introduction

Begin by asking students:

- Have you ever had to say goodbye to someone who you love very much?
- How did you feel when you had to say goodbye?

Explain that this story is about a girl who has to say goodbye to her father, but thinks of him every time she looks up at the full mango moon.

Reading and Discussion

Introduce vocabulary: mango, tíos, immigration

Possible discussion questions:

- How does the child in the story feel after her father is gone?
- Do you agree with Mama- are they lucky to be able to move in with family?
- What are some things the family does to remember Papi?
- How can we help someone who is going through a difficult time like this?

Activity: Helping Hands Support Each Other

Encourage students to brainstorm ways to help others during tough times.

- On chart paper, write "Ways to support someone who is going through tough times"
- Students contribute ideas, such as:
 - Listen and be a good friend
 - Write a kind letter or card
 - Bring them a special treat
 - Offer to help with small tasks
 - Remind them they are not alone

Helping Hands Craft:

- Have each trace their hand on paper and write one way they can help someone who is going through tough times.
- Decorate and display the helping hands in the classroom as a "Wall of Support."