



READING TOGETHER

Mine

Use these simple activities to have fun reading together!

Explore Illustrations

Share that some traits are **physical** traits (like eye color or hairstyle) and some are **personality** traits (like qualities or interests). With your child, look at each page in the book *Mine*. Talk about the trait that is described on the page. Decide whether it's a physical trait or a personality trait. Then look at the illustration on the page. Discuss how the illustration helps show the trait. For example, talk about how the main character's eyes (physical trait) and her dad's eyes look very similar on page 1 and how the boat on page 4 shows Grandpa's imagination (personality trait).

Share Personal Traits

Talk to your child about how everyone has special traits that make up who they are (their identity). These include physical traits and personality traits. Take turns with your child sharing aloud each of your special traits. Then talk about whether any other family members or friends have the same trait or if it's all your own. Here are some examples:

- "I have brown eyes. This is a physical trait. My brother has brown eyes too!"
- "I like to sing. This a personality trait. I'm the only one of my friends who likes to sing!"

Draw Yourself!

Set aside some time for you and your child to draw or paint pictures of yourselves that show your favorite things, activities, and personality traits. Can you draw what you love and what you love about yourselves? Afterward, talk about your pictures and explain the details to each other.

