



Jill's Family Book Club

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1 EACH MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY BRINGS SOMETHING TO READ.

For adults in the family it could be:



novel • recipe • magazine • manual • brochure • newspaper • graphic novel

For children in the family who are readers:



fiction • nonfiction

For children in the family who are not yet readers:



picture book

2 SET A TIME EACH WEEK.

e.g., Thursday 7:00 pm

3 COME TOGETHER IN ONE ROOM.

Each person finds a place where they like to read — couch, chair, beanbag, cushion.

4 SET A TIMER FOR 15 MINUTES.

Readers read to themselves. Non-readers look and think.



5 AFTER 15 MINUTES:

- Come together in a close circle.
- **All readers** take turns to share **one** thing about what they have read or looked at:
 - + Share something about the characters — what they looked like, what they said, what you liked or didn't like about them.
 - + Describe the place where the story is happening.
 - + Share an interesting word. What does it mean? Try acting it out.
 - + Read out a sentence that you liked.
 - + Read a sentence and ask a question about it.

• Family members who **are not yet readers** can:

- + Show an illustration or photograph they liked and share something about it.
- + Describe a character in the story.
- + Talk about the setting where the story is happening.
- + If it is a nonfiction book, share one fact they have learned from looking at the book.

6 WRAPPING UP — 5 MINUTES

Family members who are readers:

- take turns reading aloud a sentence, paragraph or page brought to the circle by the **not yet** reader.
- read aloud something from whatever you have brought to the circle.

