

Tiny Snail - Reading Guide

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Themes: gratitude, perseverance, interdependence

Lesson/Notes: *Be grateful for those who help you. Keep trying to reach your goals. Just as others help you, you should look for opportunities to help others.*

Discussion Questions

- *What would have happened if Tiny Snail had not tried at all? (nothing, never get to tree)*
- *Who helped Tiny Snail along the way? (Squirrel, Butterfly, Turtle, cloud and roots, herself)*
- *What did Tiny Snail learn? (try, ask, do a little at a time)*
- *Tiny Snail dreamed of living under the tree. What's a dream you have?*
- *Who might help you on your way to achieving your dream?*
- *When someone helps you, what should you say? (Thank you)*
- *You feel loved and valued when others help you; what are some ways you can help others?*

Activity: Steps & Support

Supplies: paper, pen

- Guide child to identify a goal. (Remember, a child's goal may be childish. The goal of this activity is not to set realistic or "SMART" goals; it is simply to consider that hard work and help from others can help one reach a goal.)
 - Break goal into steps. This will depend on the goal and the child's reasoning abilities.
 - *What will you have to do to be able to reach that goal?*
 - For example, if you want to be a basketball player, you might need to:
 - practice with other basketball players
 - run regularly
 - eat healthy
 - learn the rules of basketball
 - Talk about what types of help child might need along the way. *Who might help you?* (For the previous example, helpers might be a coach, teammates, parents, etc.) *Always show gratitude to those who help you.*
- Encourage child to make a poster as a reminder of his/her goal and the steps to reach it.