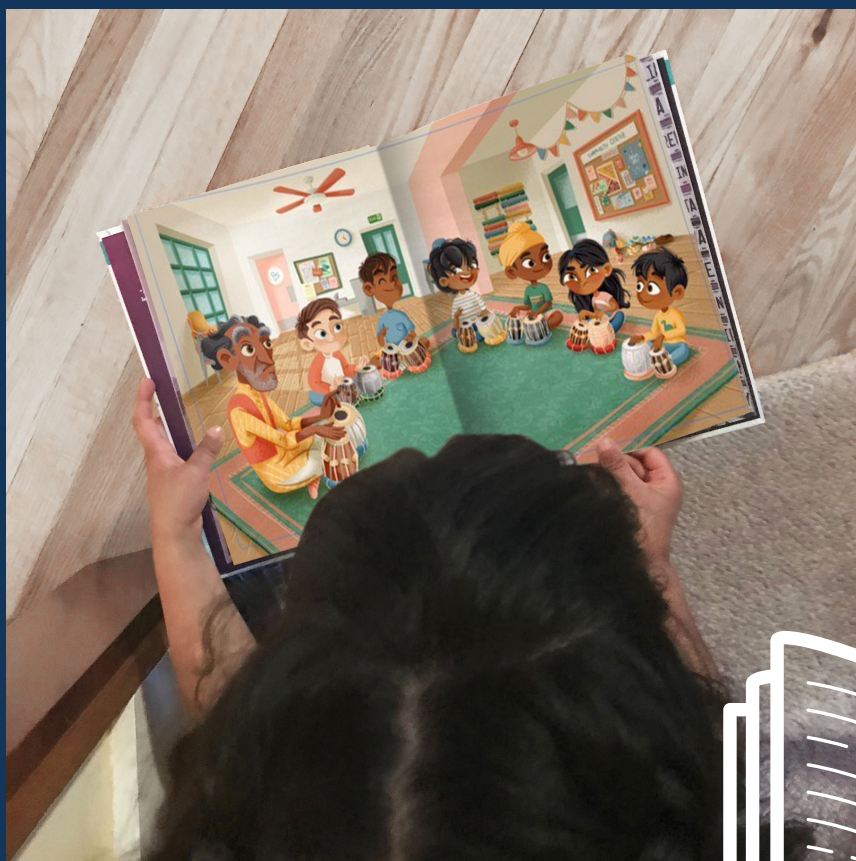


EQUALITY NOW X SHEETAL SHETH

Bravo Anjali!

Discussion Guide



Pre-Reading Questions

Have you ever felt like you were “supposed” to like something? What? Why did you feel that way?

Have you ever felt like you were “supposed” to be good or bad at something? What? Why did you feel that way?

Do you ever notice a difference in how girls and boys are depicted in books, movies, or TV shows? How does that make you feel?

During-Reading Questions

Deepak thinks he should be better than Anjali at tabla. Why do you think he feels that way?

Deepak makes Anjali feel like she has to choose between playing the tabla and her friend. Which would you choose?

Inspire means to make someone want to do something. Anjali's tabla performance inspires another girl to be different. Who or what inspires you?

After-Reading Questions

Anjali is the only girl in her tabla class. Have you ever felt like the only one somewhere, even if there are other people around? How did that make you feel?

Assume means to think something is true or probably true without actually knowing that it's true. Heena auntie assumes that it's Anjali's dad who is playing the tabla. Why do you think Heena auntie thinks this?

Further Discussion

Like Anjali, no girl should ever hear she's less than a boy. But there are laws all across the world that tell girls they grow up into women who are worth less than men. And there are people across the world working to change those laws, and build an equal world.

Can you think of some ways you can raise your hand to help women and girls today around the world?

(Note to adults: this can be as simple as "telling people girls can do anything!" to "reading more books with stories like Anjali's" or more concrete, like holding a bake sale to support gender equality.)

What does equality mean to you?

Fun with words

Unscramble the letters to reveal the words from Anjali's story!

ALATB _____

ENOCCT _____

NEDRFI _____

CEEHTAR _____

Find some of the most important people, things, and ideas from the book.

J	A	N	J	A	L	I	D	A	D	G	T
I	I	N	S	P	I	R	E	P	Z	J	H
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Anjali
Dad
Deepak

Heena Auntie
Inspire

Mom
Music
Talba