

## Virtual Story Hour with theREP Activity for Grades K-2



### In The Small, Small Night by Jane Kurtz

LEARNING STANDARD QUESTION: Be the teacher, what questions would YOU ask about this book?

**Possible Responses** → Who tells the bed time stories in this book? Who are the main characters in this book? Who tells bed time stories in your house? What was the name of the story teller from Ghana that Abena mentions? Do you have a special bond with a sibling (younger or older)? What lessons can you learn from the stories Abena tells her brother Kofi? Why do you think Abena feels nervous about her accent? Have you ever felt nervous about something that you think is different about you from the rest of your classmates?

In the first story about wisdom, what animals does the story teller say are the wisest? Do you think any one living creature should be allowed to collect all the wisdom and be the wisest, or that wisdom should be spread around to everyone?

In the second story, what did the phrase “Hand come, hand go.” make you think of – or feel?

What is the moral of the first story Abena tells? | What is the moral of the second story Abena tells?

**Vocab Word:** MORAL – is a message that is conveyed or a lesson to be learned from a story or event.

### ACTIVITY: Be The Story Teller!

**Version 1:** Students take turns reading a story to their classmates – like Ms. Howard does for Story Hour. Perhaps one of Aesop’s Fables.

**Version 2:** Students are asked to tell (or create) a “bed time” story to tell their classmates – like Abena does for her brother Kofi. Perhaps it is a fairy tale, folk tale or fable they have heard before (like The Three Little Pigs, The Tortoise and The Hare, etc.). Or, perhaps it is a brand new story they have created – one that has a moral attached to it.

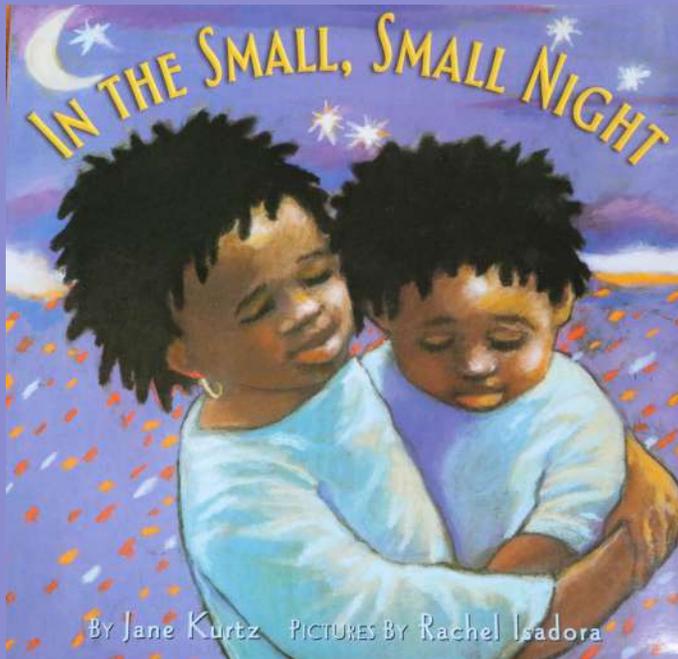
**MATERIALS NEEDED:** Just your self, and the fun voices for each character you will use.

### AT HOME LEARNERS:

Students learning at home are encouraged to carry out the activity as outlined above.

### SHARE YOUR CREATION!

theREP would love teachers and or students to share photos of them watching story hour and or doing the activity. Photos (letters or drawings) can be emailed to Associate Artistic Director, Margaret E. Hall, at [mhall@capitalrep.org](mailto:mhall@capitalrep.org)



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