

## Discussion Guide for *Ava the Monster Slayer; Cousin Power*

Ava and her cousin Sophia love their stuffed animals, Piggy and Teddy. Do you have a stuffed animal you love? Would you be willing to battle monsters to save your stuffed animal? What would you do to save them?

Ava and Sophia are scared because they are going to an overnight camp for the first time. Have you ever been scared to try something new? What did you do to feel calm and safe?

Ava and Sophia tell the camp counselor that Piggy and Teddy are lost in the woods, but the camp counselor tells the girls that it's bedtime and they must wait until morning. How do you think the girls felt? How do the girls handle their feelings?

The girls decide they must rescue their stuffed animals, but they have no weapons. What do Ava and Sophia decide to do? What would you do?

When Ava and Sophia discover that the rough creature has Piggy and Teddy, Ava gets on her tippy toes and ROARS. But the creature SNARLS back. What does Ava do when things don't turn out the way she hoped? Does she give up? What happens when things don't turn out the right way the first time for you?

The girls yell, WE DID IT, when they defeat the rough creature. Have you done something that at first was hard for you? What have you done that makes you feel proud?

Correlates to Common Core Standard Reading Literature: 1.1, 1.2, 1.4, 3.1, 3.3, 3.6