

Discussion Guide for *Ava the Monster Slayer; A Warrior Who Wears Glasses*

Ava loves her stuffed animal Piggy. 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 him/her?

Ava lives with her family, but everyone is too busy to help her rescue Piggy from the basement monsters. How does Ava feel when no one in her family helps her? How does Ava handle her feelings?

When Ava decides she is going to rescue Piggy herself, she asks, "BUT HOW?" If you were Ava, how would you rescue Piggy? What would you use?

How does Ava show us courage when she's battling the monsters? What sounds does Ava make to show her bravery? How could you show your bravery? How have you done it before?

When Ava opens the squeaky basement door, she realizes it's very dark. Why does Ava still go down into the basement?

Ava knew she would have to battle the basement monsters to rescue Piggy, but she didn't expect the Big Brother to show up. What gives Ava the courage to battle both monsters?

When Ava defeats the basement monsters, she yells, "I DID IT!" What have you done that makes you feel proud? How did you overcome your fears?

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