

## 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

## 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?

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