

Benji's Berry Berry Pie - Teaching Guide

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About the book

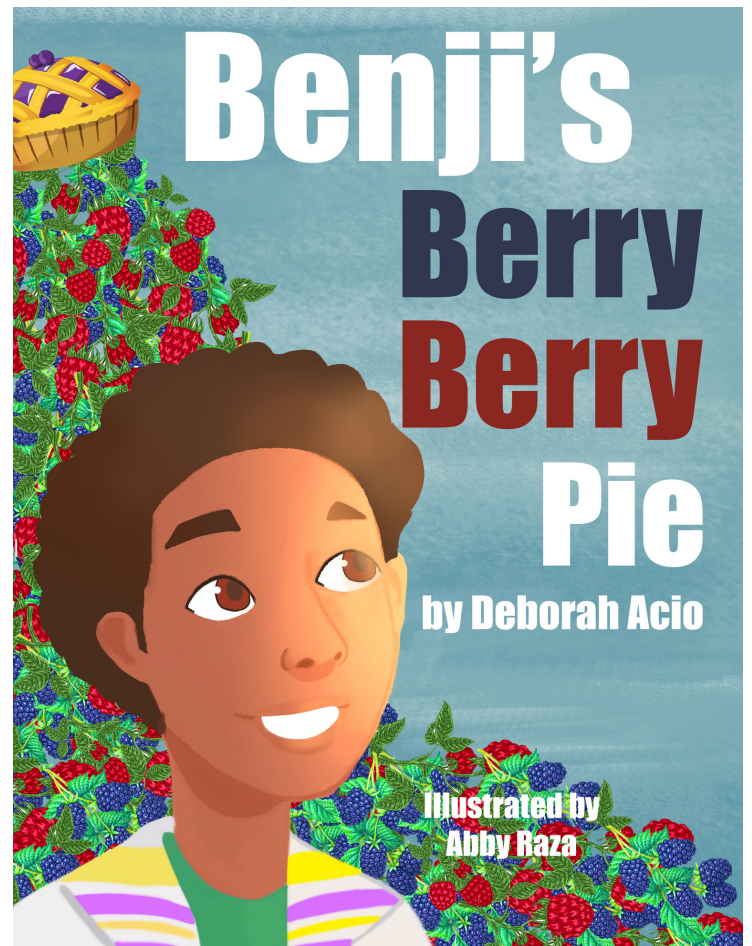
Benji returns home from school excited to eat a piece of pie that his mom made, however, when he gets home, he sees his dad eating the last slice. Benji is upset but then decides that he will make the "Berriest" pie with the help of his dog Nimbus to share with his family and friends.

About the Author

Deborah grew up in New York and after dealing with snow for her entire life, she thought moving to Colorado would be a great idea! "Benji's Berry Berry Pie" is Deborah's first foray into Children's Literature. She wants to create stories that engage children and foster curiosity. In her leisure time, Deborah enjoys collecting stamps in her Passport and plotting her next adventure.

Key Concepts

- Be comfortable with trying new things
- Show readers it's fun to be curious and creative
- Not giving up



Key Vocabulary

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| - Pie | - Baking |
| - Bowl | - Muddled |
| - Sugar | - Rolling Pin |
| - Flour | - Raspberries |
| - Dough | - Strawberries |
| - Butter | - Blackberries |

Activity: Spelling Race Kitchen Edition

Overview

The teacher will have their students practice spelling kitchen vocabulary words.

Skills: Speaking/Listening

Time 5-10 minutes

Age: 5-10

Materials

Whiteboard or Large Paper

Dry Erase Markers

Markers

Instructions

- Two students go to the whiteboard
- The teacher says a word of an object that can be found in the kitchen
- The two students will be in a race to spell the word correctly



Activity: What Fruit Am I?

Overview

The teacher will write a bunch of fruits on a slip of paper. Then tape one to each student's back so that they can't see what it is. The student has to go around to their classmates asking yes/no questions to find out what they are.

Skills: Speaking/Listening/Reading

Time: 10-15 minutes

Age: 8+

Materials

Tape

Vocabulary words on paper

Instructions

- The teacher prepares pieces of paper with the names of different fruits
- The teacher tapes one paper to each student's back
- Students walk around the class asking one classmate one yes/no question. The classmate answers the question and after each question, they can have one guess as to what the secret thing is
- If incorrect, they talk to another classmate and follow the same procedure. If correct, they can take a break or get another paper from the teacher depending on time. A student can only ask one question to each student in the class- they cannot speak to the same student twice.

