



## Kindness Glows in the Dark Discussion Guide

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Nube remembers the kindness that Kamil has shown her throughout their friendship. Can you remember a time when someone showed kindness towards you? What happened, and how did it make you feel?
2. When you first found out that Kamil was stealing from Nube, how did you feel about him? Once you learned why he was stealing, did your feelings change or stay the same? Why?
3. Have you ever done something you knew you weren't supposed to do, but felt like you had a reason for it? What happened? How did other people react, and what did you do afterward?
4. Why do you think Kamil asked Nube not to tell anyone that he stole? What would you do if you were Nube?
5. Can you think of a time when you hurt someone's feelings or broke a promise? What was it, and what did you do to make it better?
6. When she visits Kamil's house for the first time, Nube is surprised to find that it is "not what she was expecting." In what ways does Nube's home differ from Kamil's? Why do you think Kamil doesn't invite people over?
7. Kamil and his mother take the fruit that Nube and her father share with them, and use it to make delicious "homemade candied papaya, sweet and cinnamony" to share with Nube and their friends. What does this show about Kamil and his mom?
8. This story is about sharing, supporting, and showing kindness to each other. Why do you think it is so important that we look out for others in our community? How can we find out what people in our community need?



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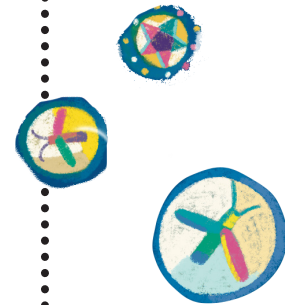


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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, *continued*

9. Throughout the story, Nube can hear the coquí frogs, who “sing all night throughout the island.” What sounds can you hear where you live?
10. The endnotes share more information about Puerto Rico. What is something new that you have learned, or would like to know more about?



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## Activity: Kindness Cucubanos

Just like the glowing cucubanos in the story, small acts of kindness can brighten someone's day. Create your own colorful "Kindness Cucubanos" to celebrate kindness and inspire others to spread it too!

1. Gather some white paper, crayons, and scissors.
2. Cut the paper into shapes you like. They could be circles, stars, clouds, or any other shape you can think of.
3. On each piece of paper, draw or write things that you can do to show kindness to others. You can also draw or write a kind message for someone specific.
4. Decorate your paper shapes as brightly as possible so they can shine like the cucubanos' glow in the story!
5. Make sure to display your shapes where everyone can see them or hand them out to people in your community. Others can be inspired by your kindness and create their own!



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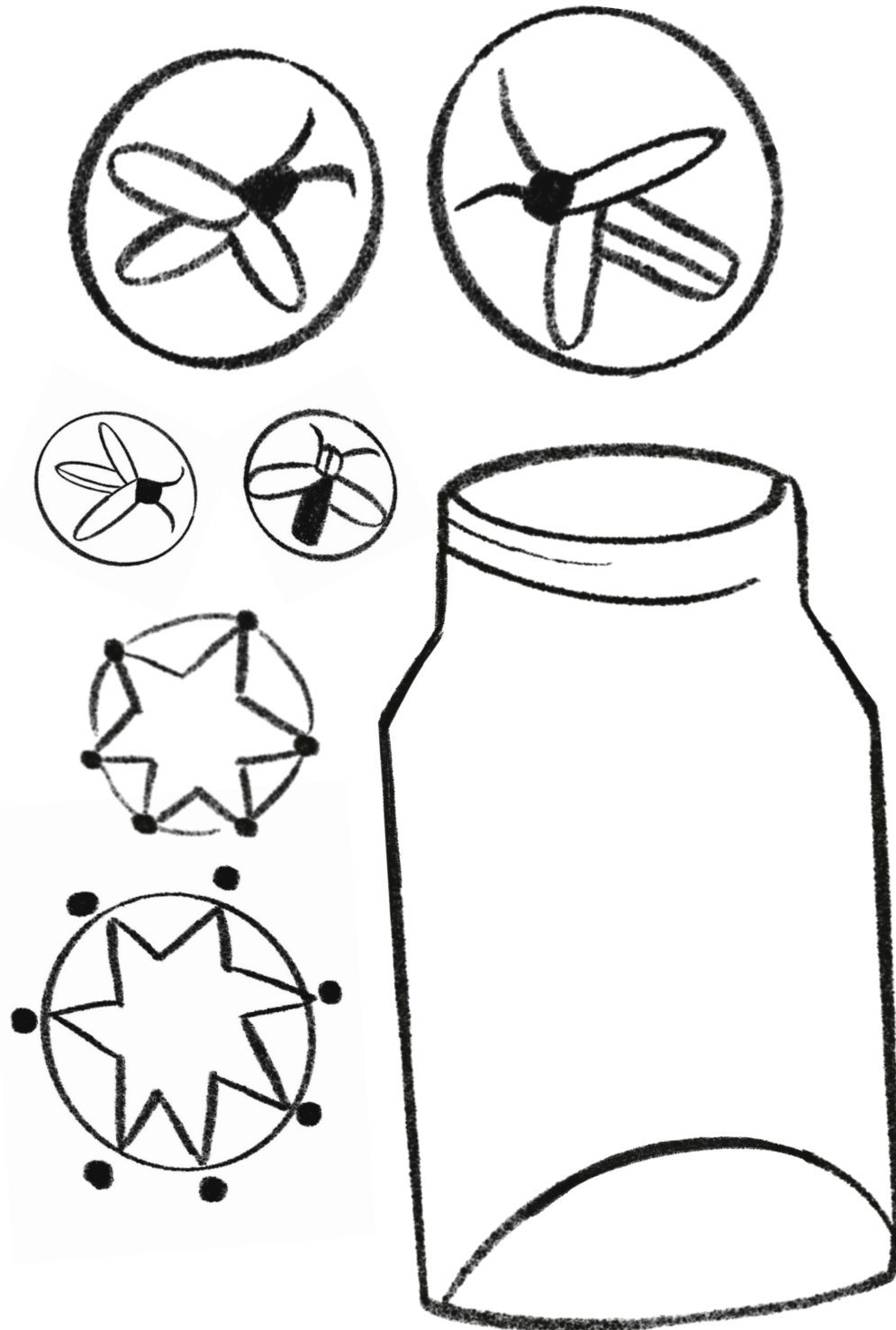
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Here are some cucubanos to get you started!



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