

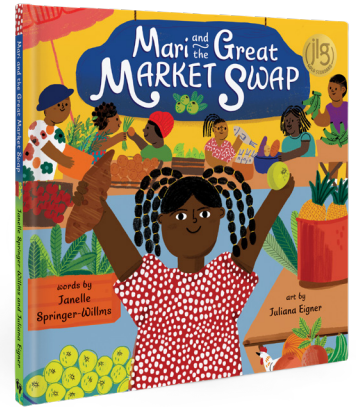


# Mari and the Great Market Swap

## Discussion Guide

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. At the beginning of the story, Mari is excited to help Granny sell their guavas at the weekly market. Is there something you help your family or friends with that you look forward to?
2. Mari describes the weekly market as feeling like a big family. What are some places in your life that feel like a community? What makes them feel that way?
3. At the beginning of the story, Mari hears different vendors calling out to sell their goods. What sounds or details throughout the story stood out to you?
4. When the vendors hear that a sugarcane truck accident is blocking customers from reaching the market, this is a big problem for them. How do you think they are feeling?
5. Do you remember Mari's first ideas to solve the problem and get sales? Why don't those ideas work?
6. Mari comes up with the idea of a "great market swap." How does her idea help everyone?
7. Have you ever solved a problem in a creative way? What did you do, and what happened?
8. In the story, the vendors trade goods like guava, cassava, and fish. Why is sharing and trading helpful in this situation? Can you think of other times when people share or trade to help each other?
9. The story takes place in Barbados and includes foods and language from the culture. What is something new you learned about the setting, foods, or way people speak? What are you curious to learn more about?
10. Even though the problem was unexpected, the vendors work together to support one another. What does this story teach us about teamwork and helping a community?



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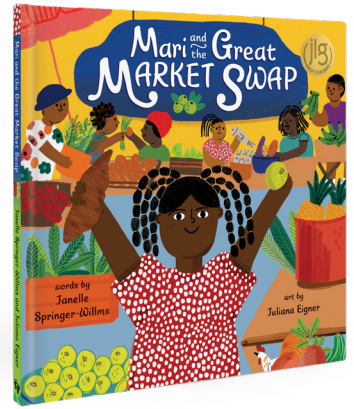
## Activity: Create Your Own Market Swap

Imagine you are part of a busy market like Mari's, but something unexpected happens and customers can't come.

Draw a picture or write a short story about your own "market swap."

- What do you have to offer? (food, toys, skills, etc.)
- Who are you trading with?
- What goods would you like to trade for?

Think about how working together and sharing can help a community stay strong, even when things don't go as planned.



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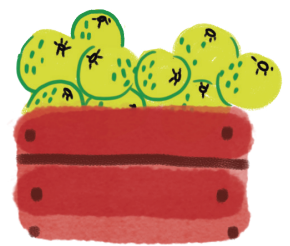


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