

Family Activity Guide

A companion to the book *The Tale of Despereaux*
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Help your child with these fun and easy activities!

BRAVERY SHIELD - JUST LIKE DESPEREAUX!

Help your child draw the shape of a shield. Have your child write characteristics or skills that they have that help them feel brave inside the shield. Write down one or multiple skills. Then, color and decorate it!

SENSE OF TASTE - JUST LIKE PRINCESS PEA!

Practice using their five senses (taste, touch, see, hear, and smell). Pick out an item from your refrigerator. It can be a fruit, vegetable, condiment, etc. Ask your child to describe the object. What does it taste and smell like? Feel like? Look and sound like?

SMALL BUT MIGHTY

Give your child the task of researching an insect or small critter that makes a HUGE impact on the environment, an ecosystem, or the world.

METAPHORS

Have your child use metaphors to compare themselves, friends, or family members to other characters, animals, and insects.

For example: Despereaux the mouse is a knight in shining armor.