

# Let's Connect ...

This discussion guide is designed for parents, teachers, librarians, and booksellers to explore the story's ideas, themes, and meaning with young readers.

## Themes for Discussion: Persistence, Patience, and Friendship

- What does perseverance mean to you? Why does perseverance matter?
- What does patience mean to you? Why does patience matter?
- What does friendship mean to you?

#### Time to Explore

- In the story Bobby the Bear Helps Build a Nest, a young owlet, Ollie, is struggling to build a nest and wants to give up. Describe a time when you wanted to give up on something. Why did you want to give up?
- Can you give an example of a time when you had to persevere through a difficult task or challenge?
- Describe a time you helped a friend finish something. How did it make you feel? Describe a time when a friend helped you finish something. How did it make you feel?
- What are some other morals, or life lessons, people should learn? If Bobby were here, what might he say are other important life lessons people should learn?



• Have you ever made a special gift for someone? What did you make? How did that make the person feel? Besides physical gifts, what other types of gifts could you give someone?

# Let's Role Play

Imagine you are helping a family member or friend complete a difficult task. How would you help that person finish the job?

### **Real World Connection**

Bobby is helping Ollie build a nest for his sister Olive.

- What do you notice about Bobby when he is helping Ollie?
- How can we be more like Bobby?
- We don't build nests, but let's think of a time of these themes pertain to school.



### Standards

#### For This Document/Class Reading

#### Kindergarten

RL1, RL3, RL6, RL7 RI1, RI2, RI4, RI5, RI6 RF1a, RF2, RF3c SL1a, SL1b, SL2, SL3, SL6

#### First Grade

RL1, RL2, RL3, RL4, RL7 RI1, RI2, RI4, RI6, RI7 RF1a, RF2, RF3a, RF3b, RF3e, RF3f, RF4a, RF4b S1a, SL1b, SL1c, SL2, SL3

#### Second Grade

RL1, RL2, RL3, RL5, R 7 RI1, RI4, RI6, RI7 RF3a, RF3b, RF3d, RF4a, RF4b SL1a, SL1b, SL1c, SL2, SL3, SL4

