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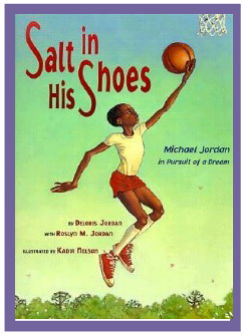

Salt in His Shoes

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SUNCOAST Summer Reading Challenge
Reading is the key to succeeding

ACTIVITY: PRACTICE YOUR BASKETBALL SKILLS!

SUPPLIES:

- A basketball
- Room to dribble

DIRECTIONS:

1. Take the basketball outside with an adult and take turns dribbling it.
2. Can you walk and dribble at the same time?
3. How fast can you run while dribbling the basketball?
4. Take turns challenging each other to hone your skills.

Take a pic!

Take a photo of you using your basketball skills and send it along with your name to: connect@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net

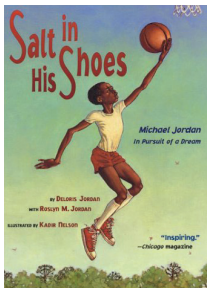
BUILD STRONG FAMILIES WITH STORIES

Family Strengths are actions that **ALL FAMILIES** can take to grow stronger and support a child's success, according to Search Institute research. This guide will help you discuss this story with your child and use it to explore your family's unique strengths.

A Family Strength in this story is

GUIDING:

providing practical assistance and feedback to help your child learn.



SALT IN HIS SHOES: MICHAEL JORDAN IN PURSUIT OF A DREAM

by Deloris Jordan with Roslyn M. Jordan; illustrated by Kadir Nelson

When young Michael Jordan wishes he were taller, his mother tells him to put salt in his shoes to help him grow. The salt doesn't work, but Michael learns that determination and practice are more important than size, both in life and in basketball.

THIS STORY MODELS GUIDING

Salt in His Shoes shows how a child needs caring adults to provide support and give feedback as he or she finds a place in the world. Think about how:

- When Mama notices Michael is disappointed about losing the game, Michael asks her what he can do to grow taller.
- Mama gives Michael guidance and watches over him as he follows her advice.
- When Mama realizes Michael needs more support, she gets his father involved.
- Daddy explains to Michael that he already has the things he needs to be a great player: practice, determination, and giving it his best.

TRY THIS!

Take a weekly or daily walk together to make time to talk about anything and everything with your child. Head outside and give your child your undivided attention, the chance to ask you questions, and the guidance, support and encouragement to help him or her learn and grow.

TALK AND ASK YOUR CHILD QUESTIONS AS YOU READ

- Michael wants to be the best at basketball. ASK: *Is there anything that you want to be able to do really well? What is something you already do well?*
- Michael's Mama puts salt in his shoes. ASK: *Do you think this will help Michael grow taller? Why? What else might help Michael grow?*
- Michael is disappointed that he's not growing taller, but he does not stop believing he will. ASK: *Why is Michael so patient? Can you tell me about a time when you were waiting for something to happen? Were you patient?*
- Even though he hasn't grown, Michael returns to the court. ASK: *What made him change his mind?*

GUIDING is an action in your family you can take to provide support for one another. Learn more at **www.ParentFurther.com**.

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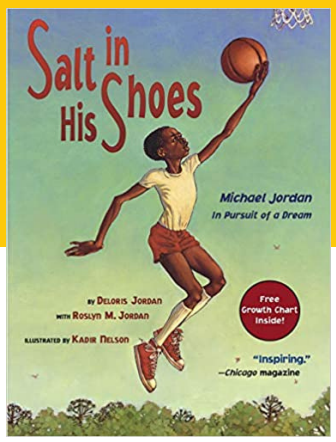

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WORD BANK: Word Search

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