

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Little White Spider - read aloud and talk together

1

What do you think of the Little White Spider?

The Little White Spider helped the King and Queen when they needed it most. It gave them the gift of a son, whom they promised to love, care for, and cherish. Why do you think the spider chose to help them?

2

Have you ever made a big wish?

The King and Queen desperately wished for a son. Have you ever wanted something very badly? What was it, and why was it important to you?

3

What do you think Joy was feeling when no one would read him a story?

After Joy's sisters married and left the castle, it became much quieter. His parents were busy, and no one had time to read him stories. How do you think that made Joy feel? What might have helped him feel less lonely?

4

What did you think when the King and Queen stepped on the Little White Spider?

The spider had helped their family, but the King and Queen didn't even notice what had happened. How did that part of the story make you feel? Why?

5

Why is it important for parents to spend time with their children?

The King and Queen were busy with their daughters' weddings and managing the kingdom, and Joy became lonely. What are some ways families can make time for one another even when life gets busy?

6

What makes a child feel loved and cared for?

The King and Queen's miracle could last only if they loved and cared for Joy. If you were Joy, what would you want the people who care for you to do to help you feel loved, safe, and cared for?

Draw a happy memory!

Think of something you did with your parent or someone who cares for you that made you feel happy, loved, or special.

Turn this page over and draw a picture of that memory!