COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Nia and the Lantern Moth

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Nia shares her lantern glow so a little moth can find a safe flower.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

At dusk, Nia carried her little lantern along the garden path. A pale moth named Luna circled the warm glow with quick, worried wings.

Part 2

Luna needed to reach a white moonflower before the rain began. The garden was growing dark, so Nia offered to share her lantern light.

Part 3

Nia held one hand around the lantern to keep its glow soft and steady. Luna flew slowly beside her instead of bumping against the glass.

Part 4

Two paths appeared. One was covered with sharp thorns. The other was smooth, but Nia could not yet see where it led.

Part 5

Nia lowered the lantern near the ground. Small white petals on the smooth path caught the light and pointed toward the moonflowers.

Part 6

A gust blew the lantern out. Nia stopped, took a calm breath, and waited. Soon, friendly fireflies made a tiny trail of light.

Part 7

Nia and Luna followed the fireflies to a wide white moonflower. Luna tucked safely beneath its petals just as gentle raindrops began.

Part 8

Luna waved her wings, and Nia waved back. Nia walked home knowing that a gentle light, a calm pause, and kind friends can show the way.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. What did Nia carry?

A. A green kite	B. A little lantern	C. A big drum

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. Where did Luna need to go?

A. To a snowy cave	B. To a red boat	C. To a white moonflower

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. Which path had sharp thorns?

A. One of the two garden paths	B. The path inside Nia’s house	C. The path across the sky

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. Who made a tiny trail of light?

A. Three frogs	B. Friendly fireflies	C. A school of fish

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. Where did Luna hide from the rain?

A. Under a toy train	B. Inside a blue cup	C. Under the moonflower petals

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. B - A little lantern

Nia carried a little lantern.

2. C - To a white moonflower

Luna needed to reach a white moonflower.

3. A - One of the two garden paths

One garden path was covered with sharp thorns.

4. B - Friendly fireflies

The fireflies helped after the lantern went out.

5. C - Under the moonflower petals

Luna rested safely under the flower petals.

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.