COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Nia's Lantern of Quiet Wishes

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Nia gives each toy one quiet wish for tomorrow as she puts it away, then dims her lantern and climbs into bed.

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

Evening had come. The story began in Nia's cozy bedroom before bed. Nia's room is still full of playtime toys. The evening felt soft and quiet around them.

Part 2

She parks the toy bus in its basket. That gentle moment helped everything feel ready for rest.

Part 3

She tucks the doll into a small toy bed. There was no need to rush, so the little friend moved slowly.

Part 4

She places three blocks in their box. The calm sound made everything feel safe and cozy.

Part 5

Nia makes one happy wish for tomorrow. Soon, the busy part of the day was almost done.

Part 6

She dims the lantern and snuggles under her blanket. With one last peaceful step, bedtime was near.

Part 7

Nia felt peaceful and ready to rest. The little adventure helped Nia learn about ending play calmly. Good night, Nia.

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 toy did Nia park?

A. A toy plane	B. A toy drum	C. The toy bus

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

2. Where did the doll sleep?

A. In a small toy bed	B. In the bathtub	C. On the windowsill

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

3. How many blocks did Nia put away?

A. One	B. Three	C. Five

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What did Nia make for tomorrow?

A. A loud noise	B. A paper boat	C. A happy wish

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

5. What did she dim before bed?

A. Her lantern	B. The clock	C. The toy bus

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. C - The toy bus

The answer is The toy bus.

2. A - In a small toy bed

The answer is In a small toy bed.

3. B - Three

The answer is Three.

4. C - A happy wish

The answer is A happy wish.

5. A - Her lantern

The answer is Her lantern.

Keep exploring

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