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Age Group: **Preschool (4-6)**

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Family Activities

- This story is a fairytale, a work of fiction that comes to life through magical illustrations. The illustrator chose to place the kingdom inside a book, and have the characters be children playing "pretend" – making up the story about the imaginary kingdom. You may enjoy making a paper crown, cardboard scepter, and glamorous cape using a tablecloth or large scarf, and act out the story together.
- **Perhaps you'd like to invent your own imaginary kingdom:** What would it contain? What would it be made of? Would it have a king or queen? Would it also be teeny-tiny? You could write a story about your kingdom, or draw it.
- **My own private palace:** Using a simple, large cardboard box, you could create your own teeny-tiny kingdom. You could cut out doors and windows, and add (by drawing or using other accessories) towers and drawbridges to nyour heart's content. Small toys can serve as king, advisors, and subjects. Who would you like to invite into your palace?
- The king chose to "change the rules of the game": he stepped down, and left the comfort of palace life to win a friend. You may want to discuss your child's friends with them. What sort of effort does your child put into their friendships? What do they like to do with their friends? Have they ever given anything up in order to stay friends with someone? You could share your own friendship

experiences with your child.

- **A kind deed for a friend:** This story is full of longing. The subject misses his friend, the advisor misses the king... and the king misses his advisor... Do you also have a friend of the family or distant relative whom you miss? Perhaps you would like to send them a letter, e-mail, or picture by phone, or anything else that might make them happy. It could be a reminder of your true friendship, one that can overcome the physical distance between you.
- Do you know any other tales of kings and queens, princes and princesses? Perhaps you would enjoy inviting a friend over and reading those stories together.

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