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The Journey is the moving tale of a refugee family fleeing their home, as told by a child. When war intensifies in the family’s homeland, they travel for many days on foot and by car to reach the border. As a boat takes the family across dark waters, the family has hope for a brighter life in their new home.

This story is an excellent one to teach children about the experience of refugees in a way that is both realistic and yet still appropriate for young children. War, for example, is depicted in the illustrations simply as blackness with reaching arms. This also provides opportunities for the topic to be explored at a depth appropriate to the age and maturity of the reader. A compilation of many journeys the author learned about through speaking with refugees themselves, The Journey is written in first person, helping the reader to feel as though he or she is experiencing the journey with the family.

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