

Family Reading Guide for:

Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae, illustrated by Guy Parker-Reeves

Below are some comments and questions to use when you share this book with your child. Pick a few that interest you and maybe add some of your own! The idea is to enjoy sharing the book with your child and talking about it as you read.

Explore the story together, talk about it, and most of all have FUN!

Note: Page number 1 is the first page of the story with writing. Before they first share the book with their child, some people like to put small numbered sticky notes or *very* light pencil markings in the book to tell them what page they are on. It does make it easier to use these questions!

The first page of this book begins with the words: Gerald was a tall giraffe whose neck was long and slim.

Page	Question
Cover	Can you point to the words and tell me what they say? What is happening with the giraffe?
1	Let's count how many animals are in this picture. Which ones have you seen where we live?
2	What are shoots on the trees? What vegetables do people eat that are leaves?
5	What is a Jungle Dance? Why does Gerald think he is bad at dancing?
6–9	There are many different animals dancing. Which ones are your favorites? Why?
11	How is Gerald feeling? How would you feel performing in front of Gerald's animal friends?
13	What does Gerald do when it is his turn to dance?
15	Why is Gerald different? When have you felt different than your friends?
19	How does the cricket help Gerald? Can you tell me how you would help Gerald?
23	What does Gerald's face tell you about how he is feeling?
25	Which kind of music is special to you and makes you feel like dancing?
28	Can you show me how you would boogie at a dance?