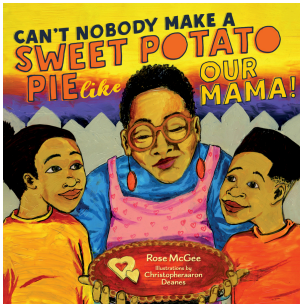


# TEACHER'S GUIDE



## *Can't Nobody Make a Sweet Potato Pie Like Our Mama!*

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From the creator of *Sweet Potato Comfort Pie*, this heartfelt family story shows how a grandmother's particular way of caring wraps her loved ones and her neighborhood in a cinnamon-scented hug.

## DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- In this story a few neighbors visit Mama. Think of an elder that is important to you. What makes that person special?
- What is one food that is important to your family? Share a memory that centers around this food.
- What kind of traditions or holidays revolve around food in your family?
- Compare and contrast Marie and Landon's connection to sweet potato pie with a significant food in your family. List three ways it is the same and three ways it is different.
- Mama says, "Good food brings families and friends together." What examples from your own experience can you provide?
- Look at the license plate on the family car when Marie and Landon drive home. It says SOULPIE, connecting to the special ingredient of Mama's pies. If you could make up a word or phrase that describes you, what would it be and why?
- You need to make six pies for the bake sale; how much of each ingredient would you need?

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