

MY PAPA HAS A RED MUSTACHE

by LEO ESPINOSA

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ACTIVITIES

ABOUT THE BOOK

Papa is a fearless pillow fighter, a pancake ninja, and a pigtail artist—that’s what his daughter thinks. There’s just one problem. Papa has a red mustache. While every other man has a black mustache, Papa is the only man with a red one. It’s embarrassing!

But when Papa takes his daughter to watch her first soccer game, she is too excited to realize that the two have become separated. Where is her papa with the red mustache? In a victorious and goal-worthy finale that will have readers laughing and cheering, she realizes that her papa’s red mustache makes him shine the brightest.

Pura Belpré Honor recipient and *New York Times* bestselling illustrator of Junot Díaz’s Leo Espinosa makes his authorial debut in this clever and heartwarming picture book that celebrates a child’s boundless love for a parent, and the unique traits that make parents—even the silly ones—extraordinary to their kids.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR BEFORE AND AFTER READING MY PAPA HAS A RED MUSTACHE

BEFORE STARTING THE STORY

Ask readers if they know anyone with a mustache? Do they have anyone in their lives with other facial hair or unique identifiers?

AFTER THE STORY

Share the street scene spread featured on the front of this poster with readers and have them make a list of all the details they see. Repeat the exercise for other spreads in the book.





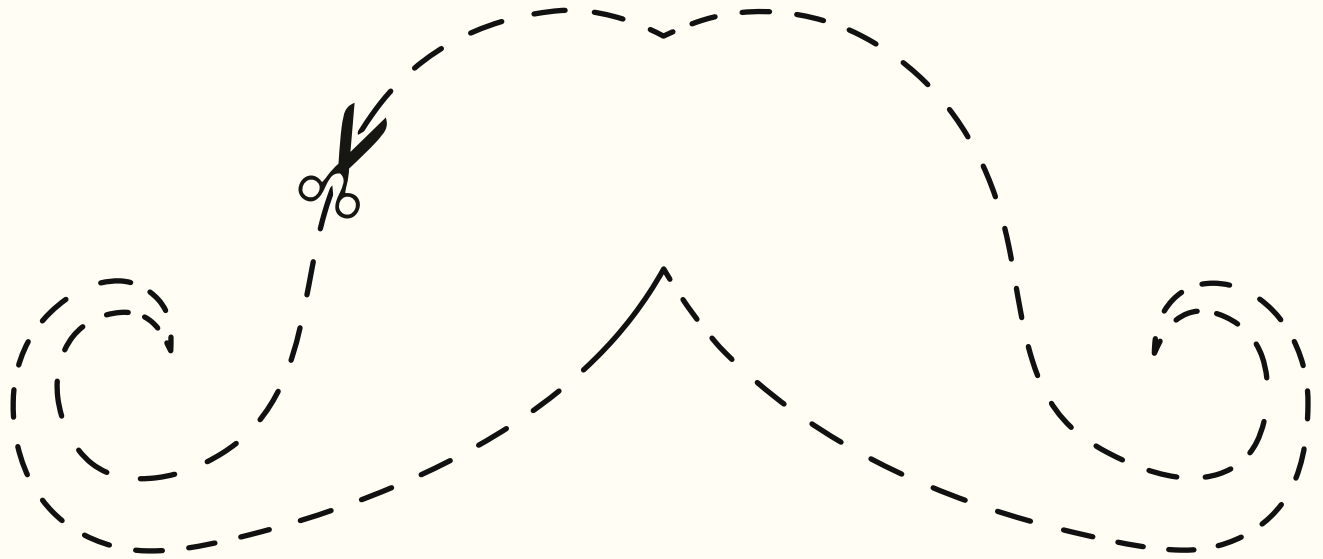
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MAKE YOUR OWN EXTRAORDINARY MUSTACHE!

In a crowd full of black mustaches, what makes your mustache extraordinary? Create your own unique mustache by coloring the mustache below. Once it looks perfect, carefully cut along the dotted outline. When you're done, add glue to the top portion of your Popsicle stick and attach it to the back of your cut-out mustache. Now you have your very own extraordinary mustache!



MATERIALS:

- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Scissors
- Popsicle Stick
- Glue



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WHAT MAKES YOU UNIQUE

The book begins with the little girl sharing all the ways her papa is special. He is a pancake ninja, a fearless pillow fighter, a pigtail artist, and of course, his red mustache makes him shine the brightest. Using the space below, list out all the things that make you special or unique.



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