

Community Matters Family Book Club

Discussion Guide

Book Pick:

Greta Thunberg Climate Crisis Activist
by Matt Doeden



Date and Time

Thursday, April 14th @ 6 pm CST



This Month's Theme: Activism

This April we will discuss activism. Use this guide, along with Matt Doeden's biography about Greta Thunberg to learn about climate change and ways children, families and the community can take action to support a cause they care about. Like any book club, please navigate these conversations with patience and kindness. Our intent is to better understand ourselves and the world around us.

Sincerely,
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Conversation Starters

What did you learn that surprised you?

What is a cause you care about?

What actions would you take to draw attention to your cause?

Have you ever been to a protest?

Themes

- Activism
- Protest
- Strikes
- Climate Change
- Elected Officials
- Climate Justice

Discussion Questions

1. Greta tells the truth when people ask her about climate change even when it makes them uncomfortable. How has this helped her connect with other people who care about the environment?
2. What actions did Greta take to spread the word about her strike?
3. Why is the freedom to protest so important?

Discussion Questions: Continued...

4. Why do you think many people ignore climate change?
5. Sometimes small changes are easier than we expect. What changes do you think you could make to protect the environment?
6. Greta discovered making climate change personal by explaining how it was going to take away her future was more effective than sharing data, charts and graphs. Why do you think this is?
7. Greta felt she was too small to make a difference but the information she has shared has reached people all over the world. How do you see yourself differently after reading her story?
8. What are some of the choices Greta has made to avoid contributing to climate change?
9. When Greta decided to sail instead of flying to avoid contributing to climate change she found people she did not know before that were willing to help her. What type of help do you think you might be able to get for a cause you care about?
10. Some of the resources listed below have information about how to contact your elected officials about issues that are important to you. Have you ever contacted your congressperson about an issue you care about?

Additional Resources

[How to Contact Your Elected Officials](https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials)

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[Writing to Your Elected Officials](https://kidgovernor.org/student-action-resource-center/writing-to-your-elected-officials)

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[What is Climate Change?](https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/climate-change)

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[NASA Climate Kids Page](https://climatekids.nasa.gov/how-to-help)

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