ET'S DISCUSS . . .

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This discussion guide is designed for parents, teachers, librarians, and booksellers to explore the story's ideas, themes, and meaning with young readers.

THEMES FOR DISCUSSION WORLD PEACE, ACCEPTANCE, BULLYING, COMMUNICATION, WORLD CULTURES, FOOD

Questions to Ask Before You Read

• Did you know different parts of the world eat different types of foods? Can you think of a new food you tried and liked?

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• How would you picture a peaceful world?

Questions to Ask After You Read

- Just as there are different kinds of pizza in the book, there are different kinds of people all over the world. When the people shared, they found out that they loved each other's differences. What makes you different?
- What types of things do all people have in common?
- What are ways you can meet new people and learn about them? Have you ever invited someone you didn't know to join you while eating or playing?
- Why did the bully in the book point and laugh at the strange looking pizzas? Why do you think he stopped after the kids shared their pizza with him?
- In the book, angry neighbors built walls and locked their doors to keep people out. What are some of the problems caused when people become angry and refuse to talk?
- The mother in the book describes world peace as a world filled with kindness and love and no fighting. Can you disagree with someone without fighting?
- What kinds of things can you do at home or at school to achieve peace?

Activity

On the back of this paper, write a sentence about what you can do to create a more peaceful world. Below that, draw a picture of a world filled with kindness and love and no fighting.