

## Reader Guide



Surf Soup TV Presents: The Red Dragonfly's Purpose

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Fun Activity: Dragonfly Wings of Insight

Materials Needed: Tissue paper, pipe cleaners, construction paper, glue, crayons

Have children create colorful dragonfly wings using tissue paper and pipe cleaners.

Draw or cut out a dragonfly body from construction paper and glue the wings on.

Ask each child to name their dragonfly and write one “quiet strength” or positive message on its wings.

Share their dragonflies with the group and explain their meaning.

Reading Guide:

Before reading: What do you think the red dragonfly's “purpose” might be?

During reading: Pay attention to how Hongli interacts with the world—what makes him special?

After reading discussion:

Why is being quiet or thoughtful a strength?

How did the dragonfly help others without speaking?

What are some things we can learn by simply watching and listening?

Extension: Draw a calm moment or write a short scene where you helped someone quietly.

