



# DRUM DREAM GIRL: HOW ONE GIRL'S COURAGE CHANGED MUSIC

Written by Margarita Engle and Illustrated  
by Rafael López

## Reading and Activity Guide



### BEFORE READING

- + You'll hear a story about Drum Dream Girl (whose name is Millo) who makes a change by being courageous. What does it mean to be courageous?
- + What is something you want to do that requires lots of courage to do it?

### DURING READING

- + Millo's father told her something that she set out to change. What is that?
- + Gender means male (boy) or female (girl). Imagine you are Millo, being told that you can't do something you're good at because of your gender. How would that make you feel?

### AFTER READING

- + Joshua 1:9 says: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Why should we be courageous?
- + God gave Millo an incredible musical talent. He's given you incredible talents, as well. What is one talent He's given you that you can use to make a positive change?

### SPRINGBOARD ACTIVITIES:

**Activity #1: Who was the Drum Dream Girl?** - Read the [Author's Historical Note](#) for a short background on Chinese-African-Cuban drummer Millo Castro Zaldarriaga. What questions do you have about her life? Look into more information about her!

**Activity #2: Dream Journal** - Dreams occur when we are in deep sleep. Sometimes we remember them when we wake up, and sometimes we don't. Start a dream journal! Keep a journal by your bed, and as soon as you wake up, write down your dream if you remember it. Draw a picture to go along with your dream. Share it with your family or a friend, and maybe they'll share their dreams with you, as well.

**Activity #3: Dream Big!** - Because of Jesus, Who is with us always, we can have courage and confidence to dream big! What does it mean to "dream big?" Who do you dream about becoming? What do you dream about doing?

