



Jabari Jumps

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Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. He is working up the courage to take a big, important leap, but Jabari is *almost* absolutely ready to make a giant splash.

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Book Trailer/Author Interview

book trailer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UTvgecGy9ko>

Author interview - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxOw1_B6-qY

Other websites/links: (Publisher sometimes has teacher guides available)

Food: Have food that you might eat by the pool like Italian ice or popsicles. Or have a variety of food that might seem scary to try like lentils or rutabagas or turnips.

Companion Titles:

Waber, Bernard *Courage*

Henkes, Kevin *Sheila Rae the Brave*

Steig, William *The Amazing Bone*

Introduction: Talk about what it means to be brave. Think of some examples of people who are brave like firefighters or police officers but also how things people do

every day are brave, like standing up to a bully or talking to someone you don't know very well.

Story Time Activities: Create a bravery medal for someone who is brave.

Invent a new super special jump for Jabari to do off the diving board.

Talk about different kinds of competitive diving (springboard and platform). Show a video about competitive diving.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUbV2iQw2tk>

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Jabari's dad squeezed his hand and why did Jabari squeeze back?

Answer: Jabari's dad was showing that he understood how Jabari was feeling without words and Jabari was acknowledging his dad.

2. Why do you think Jabari wanted to stretch?

Answer: He was stalling. Maybe he was more nervous than he wanted to let on.

3. Look at the picture where Jabari is standing on the diving board with his toes curled over the edge. Why do you think Gaia Cornwall used this perspective?

Answer: To show how high he was. To show how intimidating it was to stand there all by yourself. To show how brave he was.

4. Have you ever done anything where you had to be brave?

5. Do you think what Jabari's dad said is true "Sometimes it stops being scary and feels a little like a surprise?"