

The Polio Pioneer: Dr. Jonas Salk and the Polio Vaccine

A Book Review by Avery & Ariana

We loved reading this book about Jonas Salk by Linda Elovitz Marshall. We learned a lot.

Have you ever met a kid who said they wanted to make the world a better place? Have you ever said that? Maybe you have qualities like Jonas Salk!

We talk a lot about having grit in our school. Jonas was a kind and curious kid. He was a dreamer; a believer and he had GRIT. His friends knew him as a kid who would play fair. He read a lot of books and was said to “think differently”.

Avery – “I understood how he may have felt. I sometimes get told that I think outside the box.”

We learned Jonas had to study many different viruses before he could make a vaccine. He not only wanted to prevent viruses from hurting people, but he also wanted to make a cure. Now that, is having Grit!

The book talks more about the flu, than Polio, but we understand why. He worked on the flu vaccine, first.

The big word that we learned from reading this book is **Immunity**. That means, having your body practice fighting off viruses.

We like reading books about vaccines. All the children that first got the Polio Vaccine, were called Polio Pioneers. I guess that makes us, Vaccine Pioneers!

We hope you learn something new after you read this book!



We give it two thumbs up!
Avery & Ariana

“It was 1918. The First World War had ended. But four-year-old Jonas Salk didn’t cheer. Jonas saw injured and wounded soldiers. He saw soldiers unable to walk. Jonas Salk was a kid who saw things differently.”

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