

Inspired by the Picture Book

Story Boat

(Tundra Books)

Making a Story Boat

"And this story is a boat." —**Story Boat**

On the opening page of the picture book **Story Boat** by Kyo Maclear and illustrated by Rashin Kheiriyeh (Tundra Books), a paper boat rides the waves. If you look closely at the paper used to make the boat, the refugee children from the story have drawn their hopes and dreams.

- 1) Draw or write your own journey, hope, or dream on this paper boat template. Maybe you can add your hopes for the 50 million children who are currently migrants or refugees.
- 2) If you write or draw within the house/boat shapes (above and below), your additions will appear on the outside of the boat. Follow the direction of the arrows if you want your text to be right-side up.
- 3) Follow the origami folding instructions on the next page.
- 4) Mail your boat to a member of the government to ask them to support child migrants and refugees and their families. Or, simply release your boat in the water as a wish of safety for all the children crossing rivers, borders, and oceans to find a safe home.

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