

# Discussion & Activity Guide

A young mixed-race girl named Remy encounters that intrusive question "What are you?" during her first day at a new school, inspiring a baking project with her mom that results in a yummy cake and a lot of self-love.

## Let's Discuss

Read *Cake Mix* slowly and aloud with a reading buddy. Do you think the story is just about Remy, or do you think this story can apply to all people? If everyone read *Cake Mix* and discussed it with others, how do you think it would benefit our world?

## Group Project:

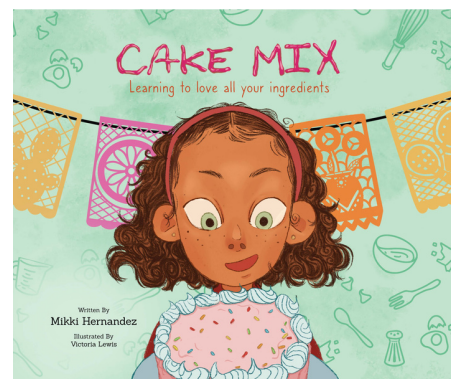
Fold a lined sheet of paper vertically and list all the ingredients found in Remy's cake on one side and on the other side list the physical characteristics that make up Remy. What is the author saying by making comparisons in this way? What metaphor is Remy's mom trying to help her understand? Now flip the paper to the blank side and write your own list of physical characteristics versus the ingredients that would make up *your* cake. What does your cake say about you?

## Comic Strip Activity:

Take what you consider to be the 5 to 6 most important events in the story *Cake Mix* and write them down in list form and in the order they took place. Then, using a blank graphic novel/comic panel template draw your own comic-style drawings of the events, creating a comic representation of the book. Have fun with color, speech bubbles, and your own artistic style. Your comic should be as unique as you are!

## Family Activity:

Ask your family what your ethnicity is and put together a poster representation of the answer using family photos, articles, clippings from newspapers and magazines, and your very own artwork. Describe how you feel about your family now that you know a little bit more about your heritage.



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# What's Your Cake Mix?

My Ethnicities are:

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