

## Discussion Questions

Estrella's father "wasn't born here" and "must return to his native country". Would you like to share, where you were born? Where were your caregivers (parents, guardians, grandparents) born?

Why does Estrella "sit alone at lunch or cry over little things"?

We see several children playing at the school's "noisy playground". Can you find Estrella in this image? How do you think she is feeling? If you were in this playground, where would you play? What would you say to Estrella?

What are some of the things students in her class wished others knew?

Estrella shares that she misses her father, but then in her sharing circle, what other things does she like to share about what things she did with her father?

### Extension Activity:

1. Estrella wished her father returns home by the time the sunflowers bloom.

Imagine that you have sunflower seeds to plant at home. Write or draw what you wish to happen when your sunflowers finally bloom. Ex. A place to read, a new playground, starting a vegetable garden.

2. Let's discuss starting your own "I WISH YOU KNEW Sharing Circle". What is the purpose of the sharing circle? If you're ready-how could sharing what's happening, help? What might be other places you could start a sharing circle? A youth group or place of worship.

### Additional Questions:

- 1 The title of the book is I WISH YOU KNEW and on the cover it shows a child with an adult. What things do you wish adults knew about you?
- 2 Estrella was separated from her father, and she wished he knew several things. What do you wish to tell that special person in your life? The one that takes care of you?
- 3 In Estrella's sharing circle at school, they "write down things that have happened and feelings they wished others knew on a piece of paper". If you feel safe sharing, write or draw things that have happened to you and feelings you wish others knew about you. Estrella's father "wasn't born here" and "must return to his native country". Would you like to share, where you were born? Where were your caregivers (parents, guardians, grandparents) born?