Fortunately, the Milk by Neil Gaiman

Recommended for grades 1 to 3

Summary: A dad comes home with a carton of milk. He took an unusual amount of time to get home, so when his children ask him why it took him so long, he explains to them his epic adventure which happens to include plenty of supernatural creatures and some time-travel.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which character was your favorite? Why?
2. Were you surprised to learn that Professor Steg was female? Why?
3. The dad says he can prove these things happened because he has the milk. Are you convinced? Does this prove anything?
4. What do you think actually happened as Dad was getting the milk?
5. If you could time-travel what would you do?
6. Does your dad sometimes tell stories that might not have actually happened? Do you think the Dad in the book was wrong to tell this story to his kids? Would it have been better if he had told the truth?

Further Resources:

The Guardian book review: https://dar.to/2O1G00h
More about Neil Gaiman: https://dar.to/2rSnChB
John Titor the time traveler: https://dar.to/2KDwSgh

Activities:

1. Design your own time-travelling machine. You could use a shoebox or colorful paper to bring it to life.
2. What would you have told your kids if you were in the Dad’s shoes? Draw a picture of a scene in your story.