**Discussion ideas for …**

**The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird**

* Solomon’s house and his life are very different from ours. What are the main differences? What do you imagine your life would be like living in such a different way?
* How far is your journey to school? How do you get there? Do you run? If not, can you imagine running to and from school every day?
* What are the main differences between life in Solomon’s country village and the big city of Addis Ababa. Which one is more like where you live?
* Solomon’s grandfather kept a huge secret about his youth his whole life. Have any of your older relatives got great stories from their youth that they have shared with you?
* The Ethiopians and other African nations have got some of the best runners in the world. Have you ever watched them on the television? Why do you think they are so talented? Can you imagine running for your country?
* By the end of the book, Solomon’s dreams have come true. How different do you think his life is now?