



# Discussion Guide

## *Our Friend the Dog* by Maurice Maeterlinck

### **Dog Personality Poll:**

Pick which type of dog you feel most like (loyal retriever, playful beagle, curious collie) and share why.

### **Short Dog Story:**

Share a brief story about a pet or dog you know.

#### **Observing the Canine World**

- 🐾 How does Maeterlinck describe dogs' instincts and intelligence?
- 🐾 Which examples of loyalty, courage, or companionship stood out?
- 🐾 Did any dog stories remind you of pets you've known?

#### **Human Lessons from Dogs**

- 🐾 What can humans learn from dogs according to the book?
- 🐾 How does Maeterlinck compare dogs' behavior to human society?
- 🐾 Share a time a dog taught you or someone else a life lesson.

#### **Philosophical Themes**

- 🐾 Do you agree with Maeterlinck's views on loyalty and morality in dogs? Why or why not?
- 🐾 Are loyalty and compassion innate traits or learned behaviors?

#### **Personal Reflection**

- 🐾 Did the book change how you think about dogs or pets?
- 🐾 If you could spend a day living as a dog, what lesson would you hope to learn?

#### **Philosophical Themes**

- 🐾 What is one lesson about loyalty, friendship, or compassion you'll take away?
- 🐾 Would you adopt any of Maeterlinck's views on dogs into your daily life?
- 🐾 What type of animal or pet book should we read next?

