



30 Summer Picture Books

WITH DISCUSSION QUESTIONS & ACTIVITY IDEAS



CELEBRATE FANTASTIC SUMMER READS WITH YOUR LITTLES!

Hello there!

I'M CHLOE ANN, A BOOK-LOVER, CHOCOLATE FANATIC, AND NARNIAN AT HEART! I LOVE ADVENTUROUS STORIES, AND PICTURE BOOKS ARE NO EXCEPTION!

THIS COLLECTION OF SUMMER PICTURE BOOKS WAS DESIGNED FOR THE PARENT, GRANDPARENT, OR BABYSITTER WHO WANTS TO SLOW THE CRAZY SUMMER PACE AND ADD A LITTLE WONDER AND IMAGINATION TO STORY TIME WITH THEIR TODDLERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN!



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AS YOU READ THESE SUMMER TALES...

1
LISTEN TO THE STORY!



A LINK TO A FREE AUDIOBOOK IS PROVIDED FOR EACH STORY. FAMILIES MAY CHOOSE TO LISTEN TO THE AUDIOBOOK WHILE LOOKING AT THE PICTURES, AND SOME LITTLES LOVE HEARING A STORY OVER AND OVER!

2
RETELL THE STORY!



HAVING A CHILD RETELL THE STORY IS AN INSTRUMENTAL PART IN DEVELOPING A CHILD'S MEMORY AND RETENTION SKILLS. THE QUESTIONS GIVEN ARE MEANT TO ENCOURAGE THE RETELLING WHEN THE CHILD IS CONFUSED ON THE ORDER OF EVENTS OR UNSURE WHERE TO BEGIN.

3
DISCUSS THE STORY!



DISCUSSING THE STORY PREPARES A CHILD FOR FUTURE CRITICAL THINKING IN EVALUATING AND EXAMINING THE FACTS PRESENTED TO THEM. THE QUESTIONS GIVEN FOCUS ON VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE PLOT AND CHARACTERS THAT MAY RESONATE WITH A CHILD.

4
ENJOY THE STORY!



IDEAS FOR PLAYTIME ACTIVITIES AND FUN SNACKS ARE INCLUDED WITH EACH PICTURE BOOK, THEMED AROUND THE TOPICS DISCUSSED IN EACH STORY!

Day 1: Blueberries For Sal

by Robert McCloskey

RETELL THE STORY!



WHY DID SAL AND HER MOTHER GO TO BLUEBERRY HILL?

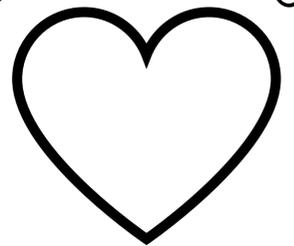
WHO DID SAL ACCIDENTALLY FOLLOW?

WHO DID LITTLE BEAR ACCIDENTALLY FOLLOW?



READ AND LISTEN ALONG WITH THE STORY USING THIS FREE AUDIOBOOK!

DISCUSS THE STORY!



WHY WERE SAL AND HER MOTHER PICKING BLUEBERRIES?

WHY WERE THE BEARS EATING BLUEBERRIES?

WHAT DID SAL AND HER MOTHER DO WITH THE BLUEBERRIES?

Time To Play!

- BOTH "BLUEBERRY" AND "BEAR" START WITH THE LETTER "B". PRACTICE DRAWING THE LETTER "B" WITH FINGER PAINT, OR IN SAND, OR MAKE THE LETTER WITH PLAY-DOUGH!
- GO OUTSIDE AND SEE IF YOU CAN SPOT ANY BLUE ITEMS! OR, LOOK AROUND YOUR HOUSE FOR ANY ITEMS THAT ARE BLUE OR START WITH THE LETTER "B".
- WHAT COLOR ARE BLUEBERRIES? PRACTICE DRAWING WITH A BLUE CRAYON!

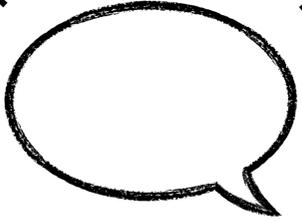
SNACK TIME: MAKE BLUEBERRY MUFFINS OR ANOTHER BAKED TREAT WITH BLUEBERRIES!



Day 2: Make Way For Ducklings

by Robert McCloskey

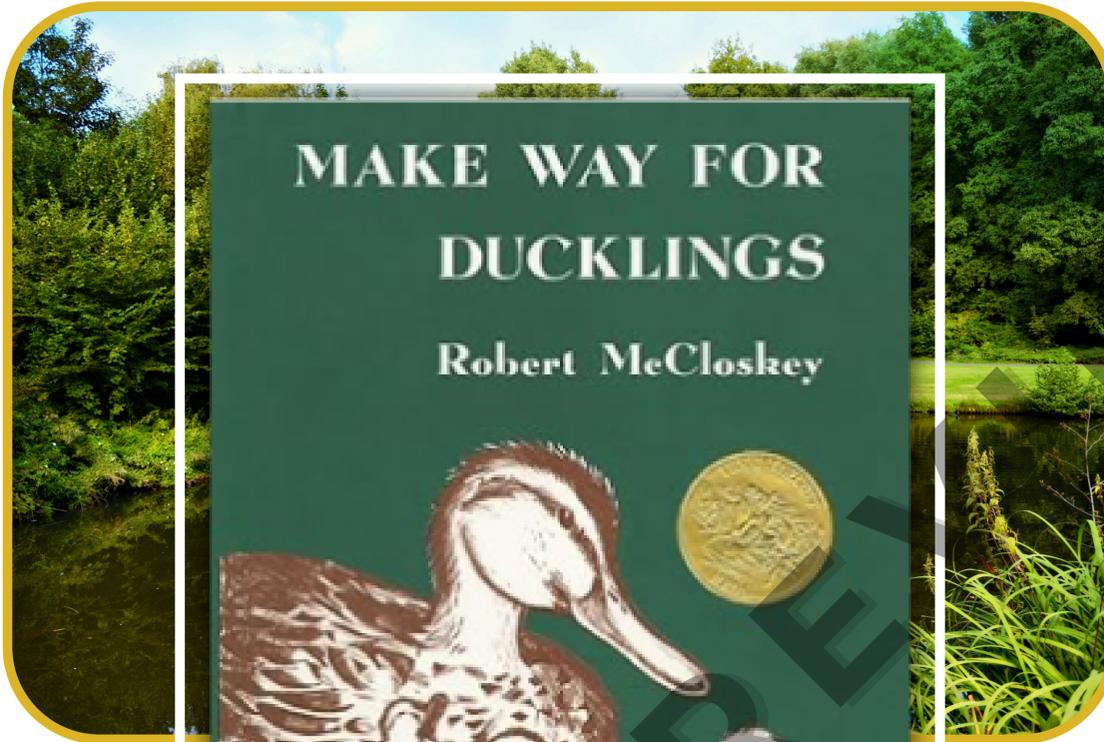
RETELL THE STORY!



WHAT TYPES OF THINGS SCARED MR. AND MRS. MALLARD?

WHAT WERE SOME OF THE NAMES OF THEIR DUCKLINGS?

WHO WAS THE MALLARD'S FRIEND?



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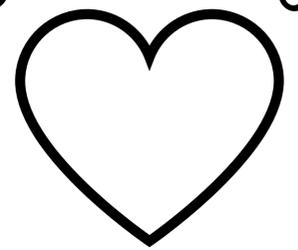
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Time to Play!

- PRACTICE FOLLOWING THE LEADER LIKE THE DUCKS IN THE STORY! MAKE SURE TO STAY CLOSE TO MOM!
- USING RUBBER DUCKS OR OTHER BATH TOYS, FLOAT THEM IN THE BATHTUB IN A LINE LIKE MRS. MALLARD DOES IN THE BOOK!
- COUNT THE DUCKLINGS IN THE BOOK. HOW MANY WERE THERE? CAN YOU LINE UP THAT EXACT NUMBER OF TOYS?

DISCUSS THE STORY!



WHAT DID THE DUCKLINGS HAVE TO WATCH OUT FOR?

HOW DID MICHAEL STOP THE TRAFFIC?

WHAT DID THE HUMANS FEED THE DUCKS?

SNACK TIME: CUT UP PIECES OF CHEESE ON CRACKERS. MAKE ONE LARGER PIECE OF CHEESE AND SEVERAL SMALLER ONES. LINE UP THE SMALLER PIECES OF CHEESE LIKE THE DUCKLINGS FOLLOWING MRS. MALLARD!

