

The Nowhere Box

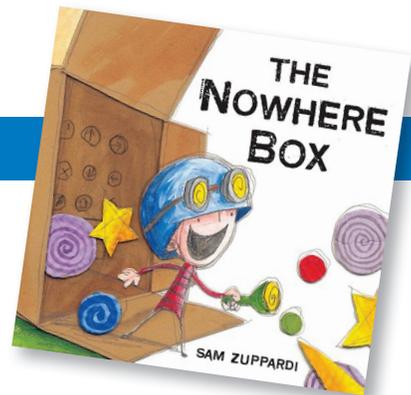
A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: Imagination, Families, Art, Engineering

Book Brief: George tries to escape his annoying younger siblings by creating a box to nowhere. While on his journey, he discovers that while nowhere is

quiet and peaceful, it is also lonely.

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Sam Zuppardi



TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Ask children what they think the term “nowhere box” means. Where is nowhere? What might they find there? Tell them this story is about a boy who makes his very own nowhere box to get away from his pesky brothers.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

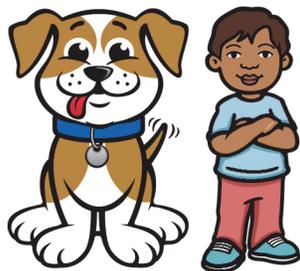
WHAT'S IN A SHAPE? (AGES 6-12)

Materials: outlines on paper of circles, squares, triangles, and trapezoids; colored pencils

Pass out paper with one outlined shape per child. Have children create something using the outlined shape. Once completed, let children sort themselves by shape. Have them compare and discuss what they made with their shape. What differences do they see in their imaginations? Are there similarities?

PICTURE THIS (AGES 5-12)

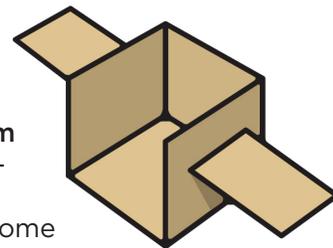
Choose a picture from this book or another to show the group. Tell the children that they are going to shrink themselves down and go inside the picture. They can choose to be themselves, a character, or an object within the picture. Have them close their eyes and imagine shrinking until they are the right size for the picture.



Have them describe where they are, what they are doing, and what they see, feel, hear, and smell. Where could they hide in the picture? For older children, ask them to write a story or draw a comic strip about their day inside a children's book!

CARDBOARD CREATIONS (AGES 5-12)

Visit www.cainesarcade.com to see the story of a 9-year-old boy and his innovative cardboard arcade. Gather some used boxes and let children recycle them for their own creations. Ask the question: How did Caine's story inspire your idea?



TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit www.kid-at-art.com for different ways to recycle items that might be considered trash and turn them into art.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT BOXES AND CREATIVITY

The Birthday Box, Leslie Patricelli (2009)

Christina Katerina & the Box, Patricia Lee Gauch (2012)

Not a Box, Antoinette Portis (2006)



Reading Is Fundamental