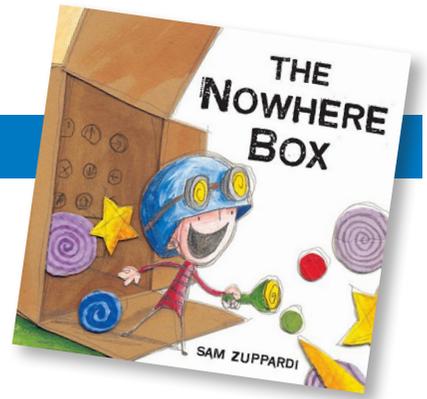


# The Nowhere Box

## A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES



**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.

**Author and Illustrator:**  
Sam Zuppardi

## TIME TO READ!



**Before reading, make predictions:** What is a nowhere box? How do you think the box got that name?

**While reading, make connections:** Have you ever had anyone follow you

around? Can you think of a time when you wanted to get away, as George does?

**After reading, ask questions:**

- ◆ Is it good to be the oldest sibling? Why or why not?
- ◆ Would being an only child be easier? Explain.
- ◆ Where do you think George got the idea for the nowhere box?
- ◆ Why is imagination important?
- ◆ What did George ultimately learn by creating the nowhere box?

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### CARDBOARD CREATION

Visit [www.cainesarcade.com](http://www.cainesarcade.com) to see the story of a 9-year-old boy and his innovative cardboard arcade. What would you build with a cardboard box? Gather some used boxes and recycle them into your own creation. How did Caine's story inspire your ideas?

### BOX IT UP!

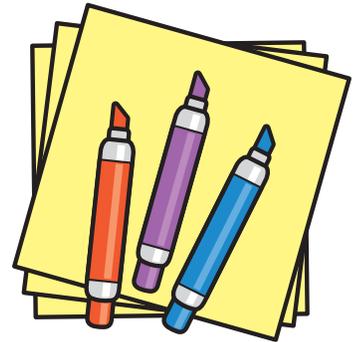
Materials: shoe box, lunch items

Have you ever heard of a box lunch? It is simply a lunch packed in a disposable box. Create a box lunch picnic to share with family and friends. All you need is a shoe box for each person and simple lunch items. Pack your lunch items in the boxes and head off for a fun lunch. What creative place can you find to share your box lunch? Take a book to read afterwards.

### WHERE IS YOUR NOWHERE?

Materials: paper, pencil, markers or crayons

George was able to go many places in his nowhere box. If you had a nowhere box, where would it take you? Draw a picture that illustrates where you would want to travel.



### TECHNOLOGY LINK

Visit [www.kid-at-art.com](http://www.kid-at-art.com) for different ways to recycle items in your home 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)



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