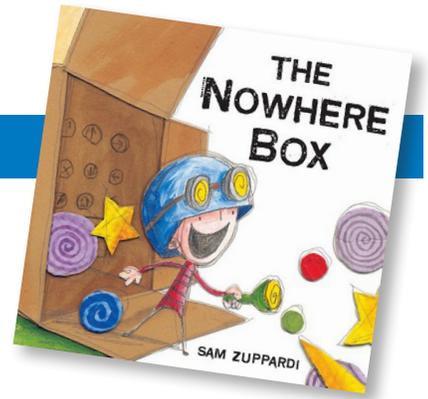


The Nowhere Box

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 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!

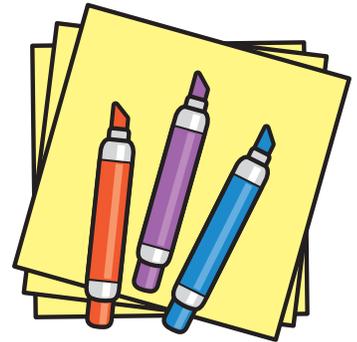
Materials: shoe box, lunch items

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 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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