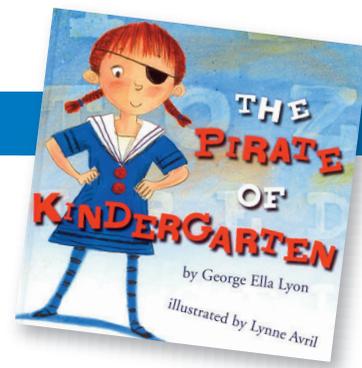


The Pirate of Kindergarten



A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Diversity, Disability, Acceptance, Respect, Self-Image

Grade Level: Pre-K to 3rd grade

Book Brief: A girl with vision problems overcomes her challenges.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make connections: How is your child different from other children? Find out what your child thinks makes them special. Have they ever been embarrassed by their differences?

While reading, look at the pictures: The pictures in this book show the way Ginny sees the world. To help your child see how Ginny sees, point out all the doubled images.

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why did Ginny have trouble reading and using scissors?
- ◆ Do you ever have trouble doing something other kids can do?
- ◆ Why did Ginny have to wear an eye patch?



RELATED ACTIVITIES

OUT AND ABOUT

Make sure your child knows it's okay to be different. The next time you're in the car or taking a walk, talk together about the things that make them special. Share what makes *you* different, too.

BURIED TREASURE

In a clear bowl or glass, help your child spoon layers of vanilla yogurt, granola, fruit and honey. Make sure the top layer is plain yogurt. Grab a spoon and start digging for treasure!



TREASURE CHEST

Make your own pirate treasure chest!

Materials: a shoe box, white or brown paper, tape, markers, stickers

Cover the box in paper. Decorate with markers and stickers. Fill the box with "treasures"—pictures, favorite toys, things that represent your child. Hide the box and let your child search for it.

THROUGH GINNY'S EYES

How did Ginny see the world? Use this online vision simulator to find out: <http://www.thevisioncommunity.com/>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Come a Tide (1993), *Who Came Down That Road?* (1996), *Mother to Tigers* (2003), *All the Water in the World* (2011).



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