A Bike Like Sergio's

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Compassion, Family, Problem Solving

Grade Level: Kindergarten to 3rd

Book Brief: Finders keepers, right? When Ruben picks up someone's lost money, he finds out how hard it can be to do the right thing.

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, build background: Model how to connect to the character by sharing with your child an example of a time from your own childhood in which there was a toy or other item that you either never got or had to work to earn.

While reading, make connections: Ruben experiences lots of different feelings in this book. Pause every couple of pages and ask your child how Ruben is feeling, why he is feeling that way, and if they have ever felt that way.

After reading, ask questions:

- Why did Ruben want a bike?
- What was the problem in the story? How did it get solved?
- If the situation in this story happened to you, what do you think you would do? Why?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

FEELINGS CHARADES:

Start by making a list of different feelings with your child (e.g., happy, disappointed, overwhelmed). Then help your child write them on cards and place them in a box or face down. One at a time, have your child select a card and act out out the feeling written on the



card. Extend their learning by discussing what situations may make your child feel that way.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

Happy Like Soccer (2014)

Those Shoes (2009)

Not Norman (2008)

FAMILY GROCERY BUDGET:

Ask your child to imagine they have \$100 to spend at the store (or substitute any budget you are comfortable with). Have your child plan out a shopping list that adds up to their budget. Ask them how

they decided what is a need versus what is a want.

