

Flashlight

A RIF GUIDE FOR EDUCATORS

Themes: Animals, Exploration, Light, Nature

Book Brief: Told solely through images, one boy's camping adventure gets even better when he shines a light into the shadows and finds all sorts of nighttime creatures, fascinating insects, plants, trees, and streams—all brilliantly illuminated in the beam of his flashlight.

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TIME TO READ!

The Cover: Look at the cover of the book with students and ask, “What do you see on the cover of this book? What do you notice?” Discuss student responses and keep them in mind for the picture walk.

Picture Walk: Flip through some pages and ask students what they notice. Point out that this book does not contain any words. The story is told through the pictures.

Vocabulary: This story will introduce vocabulary relating to light. Use Picture Cards: *flashlight*. Ask students if they

know of words in their home language(s) that mean the same thing as these words.

Purpose for Reading:

“As we read, describe the adventures the boy has with his flashlight.”

WHILE WE READ

AS YOU READ, PAUSE AND ASK...

Throughout the story, pause and ask...

- **Level 1:** “Where is the flashlight? Point to it.”
- **Level 2:** “Is it daytime or nighttime?” Students can answer day/night or use a physical response.

- **Level 3:** “How does the flashlight help the boy?”
- **Level 4:** “What do you think would happen if the animals didn’t help the boy?”

LET’S THINK ABOUT

Our Purpose: Ask, “What were some of the adventures that boy had with his flashlight?”

Extending Our Thinking: Why do you think the animals had the flashlight in the end?

BOOK ACTIVITY: Camping Dramatic Play

Materials: tent, play campfire, s’mores, camping supplies such as binoculars, a compass, and flashlights

From stargazing to campfires and flashlight tag, there are lots of ways to explore light through a camping dramatic play center. Create a s’more making station. Simple recipes like s’mores are also great for practicing sequencing. Use a pretend campfire for roasting your marshmallows. Don’t forget to discuss fire safety! Include flashlights to make shadow puppets or search for nocturnal animals like the boy in the story. Look for shooting stars or constellations with RIF’s Stargazing Journal Adventure awaits!

