

Flashlight

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

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.

Author:

Lizi Boyd

Illustrator:

Lizi Boyd



TIME TO READ!



Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child what they think will happen in the story.

During: As you read, ask, “What do you notice about what the boy is finding?”

After, ask questions:

- What did the raccoon do?
- How did the animals help the boy?
- How do you think the boy feels at the end? Why?

INTENTIONAL TALK

When children develop **Story Awareness**, they learn how to tell a story. Children enjoy looking at pictures and listening to text that makes stories interesting, engaging, and relatable. As they strengthen this understanding, they can practice creating their own stories using wordless picture books. The book *Flashlight* provides

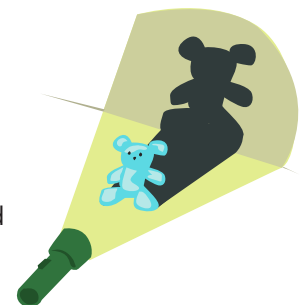
an opportunity for storytelling without text. Encourage your child to practice storytelling by using their own words, this can include any language that you speak at home. Help your child pay close attention to the details in the illustrations to help the story flow naturally.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Shadow Puppet Experiment

Materials: flashlight, small object or toy, a wall or large piece of paper taped up

Set up a flashlight in a dark or shaded area. Create shadows by placing objects between the light and a wall, and move them closer or farther to see how the shadow changes size. Ask questions like, “What happens when we move the object closer?” or “Can you make the shadow bigger or smaller?” Try making hand shadow puppets like a bird or dog. Afterwards, talk about how shadows form and how their size changes depending on the distance from the light.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY LIZI BOYD

- **Night Play (2018)**
- **I Wrote You A Note (2017)**
- **Inside Outside (2013)**