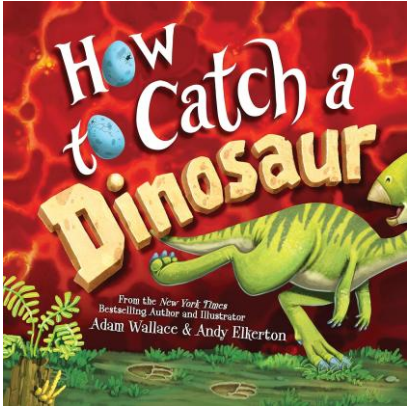


Read Aloud Guide for Families



How to Catch a Dinosaur

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Themes: Creativity, Problem-Solving, Persistence, Imagination, Teamwork

Book Brief: What would you do if you found a real dinosaur? In this story, some kids are determined to catch one! They come up with clever plans and silly traps, but catching a dinosaur is harder than they think.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Look at the cover together. Ask, “What do you notice about the dinosaur? How do you think the kids might try to catch it?”
- Ask, “Have you ever tried to build or create something that didn't work the first time? What did you do?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- How do the kids try to catch the dinosaur?
- What happens when their traps don't work?
- What new ideas do they come up with?
- Why do you think the kids keep trying?
- What do you notice in the pictures that makes the story funny?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask, “Were the kids successful in catching a dinosaur? What did they accomplish instead? What can we learn from trying new ideas, even when things don't go as planned?”

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- **Design a Dinosaur Trap:** Imagine you are trying to catch a dinosaur! Draw a trap and explain how it would work. What materials would you need? What makes your idea special?
- **Build It, Test It!:** Use household materials like blocks, paper, or cardboard to build a simple invention or trap for a toy dinosaur. Test your design and talk about what you could change to make it work better.
- **Dinosaur Rhyme Time:** Find rhyming words in the story and think of more words that rhyme. Work together to make up a silly rhyme about catching a dinosaur.