



**Curious George Rides a Bike* by H. A. Rey
(Paired with **Monkeys and Other Mammals* by Mary Schulte from *Scholastic News Nonfiction Readers*)

Talking about the Book:

1. Why was it a special day for George and the man with the yellow hat?
2. How did George save the day when the little bear got out of his cage?
3. George was both sad and happy in this story. Tell me about a time when you were happy and sad in the same day, just like George.

Extending the Book Activities:

- Draw a picture of your favorite part of the story. Label the characters' emotions in your picture. For example, were they happy, sad, excited, proud, or worried?
- Use the illustrations and directions in the book to make a paper boat like George did in the story!
- Collect a few objects around the house and test them in a small container of water to see whether or not they sink or float. Make a chart to share your results with the rest of the family!

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*Also available on BookFlix



Caps for Sale by Esphyr Slobodkina
(Paired with *Busy Monkeys* by John Schindel)

Talking about the Book:

1. Do you think wearing all of his caps for sale on his head was a good way for the peddler to sell them? Why or why not?
2. In this story, it said that the peddler walked very slowly "so as not to upset his caps." What do you think that means?
3. What was your favorite part of the story? Mine was...

Extending the Book Activities:

- Take turns being the monkeys or the peddler and have fun acting out the part of the story when the monkeys take the peddler's caps.
- Count how many caps the peddler is wearing. See many caps or other objects you can balance on your head. Make sure they're not too heavy, of course!
- What if the peddler had been selling shoes instead of caps? What might have happened? Make up a new version of the story!

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Building Our House by Jonathan Bean
(Paired with *On the Construction Site: A Shine-a-Light Book* by Carron Brown and Bee Johnson)

Talking about the Book:

1. It's a lot of work to build a house, isn't it? How do you think the family felt on their first night in their new home?
2. It would have been hard for them to build their house without Willys, don't you think? Why was Willys so important to the building process?
3. This is the author's retelling of his own family's true experience! He tells the story from his big sister's point of view. Let's read the second to last page again. How does the picture help you understand that she is the one telling the story?

Extending the Book Activities:

- Draw a plan for your house like the one in the story. Label each room together.

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Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson
(Paired with *Brown Bear or Black Bear?* by Heather Warren & Robbie Byerly - part of the Training Wheels series by Arc Press Books)

Talking about the Book:

1. Oliver was definitely having a bad hair day, don't you think? What did this story remind you of? Do you or anyone
2. Can you tell me two things his mom and dad did to try and help Oliver?
3. What happened when Oliver first took off his cap for the picture? Then what happened?

Extending the Book Activities:

- Use paper and crayons to design a new cover for *Bedhead*. Make up a new title!
- Use a paper bag, scissors and markers to have fun with paper bag haircuts!

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