

Bailey Goes Camping

by Kevin Henkes

A Caldecott Honor-winning author and illustrator bring us this heartwarming story about the magic that can be found in one's very own home.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Who can tell me if they have a brother or sister that is a boy or girl scout?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder how Bailey made his tent?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Bailey Goes Camping*

- scouts: a member of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts
- camping: living outdoors in a tent
- ghost: the spirit of somebody who has died
- fair: done by the rules
- tent: a movable shelter made of tough fabric or plastic cover held up by poles and kept in place by ropes and pegs
- roasted: to heat something until it is dry or brown

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Why were Bailey's brother and sister going camping?
- What did they eat on their camping trip?
- What fun activities are there to do when camping? Can you name some activities you have done?
- How did Mama and Papa Bunny cheer up Bailey? Have you ever camped out in your home?
- How did Bailey make a tent? What are some different ways to make a tent?
- How did Bailey go swimming? Fishing? Roast Marshmallows?
- What else did Bailey get to do? Bear Hunt? Ghost Stories?

Do

Create a Tent Indoors

Have the children create a tent by draping a sheet over a table. Provide a flashlight and a blanket or sleeping bag and the children will be prepared for hours of indoor camping fun!

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