

Your Guide to Virtual Storytime with DK Picture Books



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Storytime Discussion Prompts

Fish – Compare the pages of trash-filled water shown early in the book with the scene of abundant life pictured toward the end. How did the characters help fix the problem? Ask your listeners how it makes them feel to see these amazing creatures in their home once again.

Alone Together – Ask children what they do to stay busy at home, and who shares their home with them. Do they have friends they haven't seen in a while? Who do they miss most right now?

Guinea Pigs Go Gardening – In the middle of the book is an image of all the different fruits and vegetables the two guinea pigs want to grow. Ask your listeners if they have ever eaten any of the foods pictured, and how they would describe the taste or texture.

Look Out, Leonard! – Use adjectives to describe Leonard—small, brave, curious, adventurous, silly—and ask children to provide a few of their own. Then, do the same for each of the other animals in the book. Are they sneaky? Scary? Furry? Scaly?

Real Superheroes – Before you read each page, ask children to describe what job each person is doing. (It's okay if they're not right.) After finishing, ask them which of these jobs they might like to do one day, and why.

Lost in the Clouds – Ask children to describe a time they felt sad like the book's main character. Then show them each of the different weather conditions pictured in the book, and explain how they reflect the main character's mood. How do they make your listeners feel?



FISH

Activity Sheet

Connect the dots in the illustration below to help bring a big animal back to its habitat.

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A Little Less Alone

While we're alone together, you can still connect with loved ones by letting them know they're on your mind. Use the space below to draw a picture and write a short letter to a friend or family member. Then, put your message in an addressed envelope, add a stamp, and drop it in the mail for them!





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Create Your Own Garden Labels

Whether young gardeners help care for a vegetable patch, an herb garden, or a windowsill full of flowers, these colorful labels are perfect for teaching them to identify different plants throughout their growth cycles, and for keeping track of what's growing in each garden plot or flowerpot. If you're looking for a place to get started, browse the list of easy-to-grow plants below. Print out the attached label sheet once you have a plan in place, and follow the instructions. Happy gardening!



Planting Suggestions

Herbs

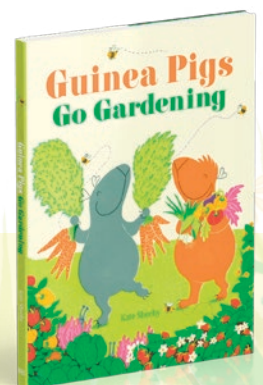
Basil
Dill
Mint
Oregano
Parsley
Rosemary
Sage
Thyme

Fruits & Vegetables

Carrots
Eggplants
Lettuce
Pumpkins
Strawberries
Tomatoes
Watermelons
Zucchini

Flowers

Lavender
Marigolds
Nasturtiums
Pansies
Snapdragons
Sunflowers
Zinnias



Instructions:

Print this page on regular printer paper, or on white card stock for longer-lasting labels. With a pen or marker, write one plant name on each garden label below. Cut out the labels along the dotted lines or have young gardeners help you cut them out by using safety scissors. Be sure to closely supervise. Next, glue the blank side of each label onto a craft stick or lollipop stick. If you plan on using the garden labels outside, laminating each label will help make them waterproof.



Blank rectangular label for writing a plant name.



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LOOK OUT, LEONARD!

Can you guide Leonard through
this maze to his family? Watch out
for the other animals along the way.

START

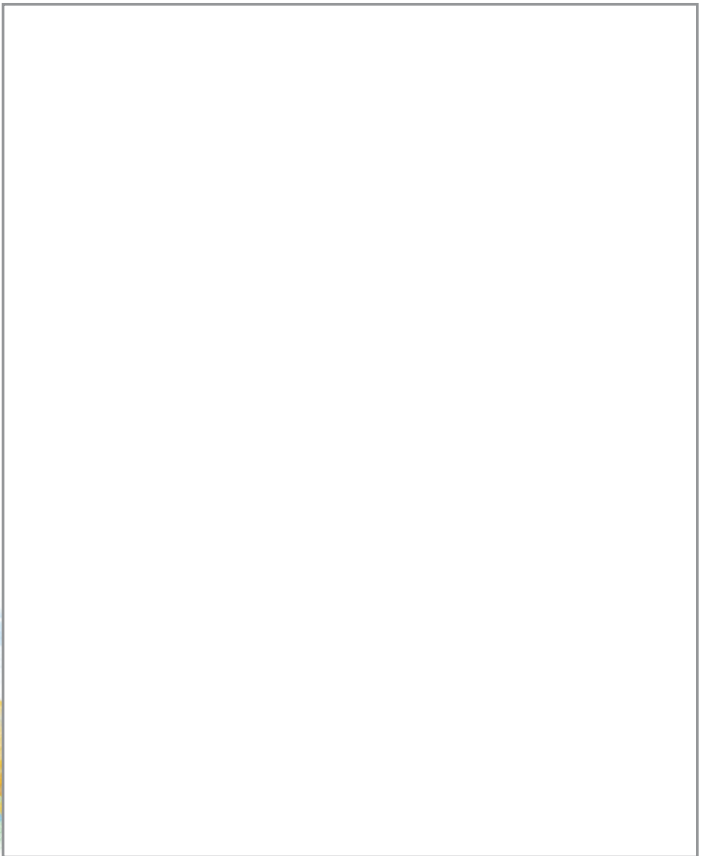
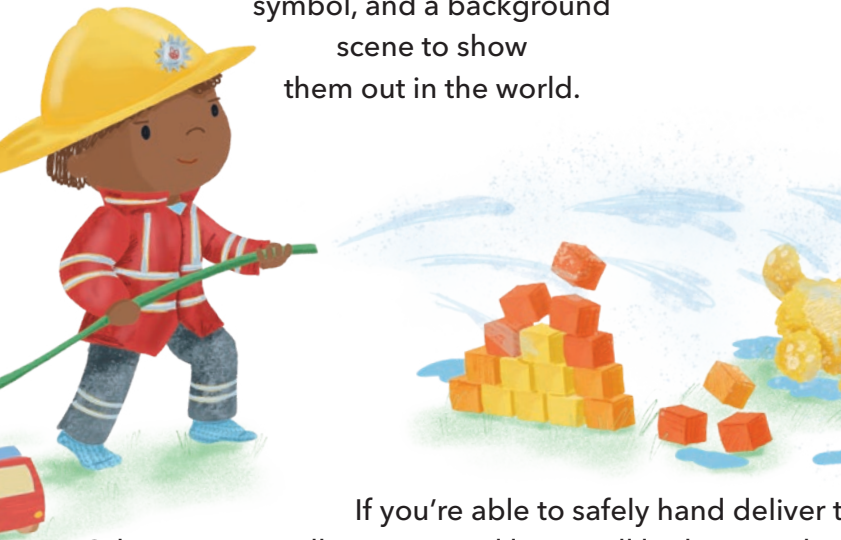
END



REAL SUPERHEROES

Activity Sheet

Write a short message to a family member or to someone in your community—a grocery store worker or a crossing guard, for example—who has been a big help in your life. Draw a costume for them, too. You can include a cape, a badge or symbol, and a background scene to show them out in the world.



If you're able to safely hand deliver this message to your hero, do so. Otherwise, your illustration and letter will look nice at home, hung up on a fridge or window for others to see!



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Lost in the Clouds

Activity Sheet

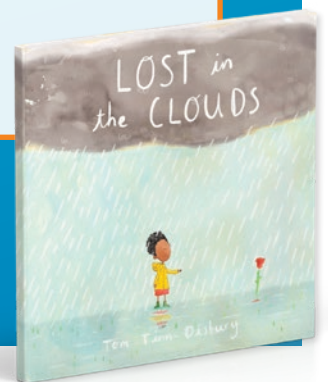
Weather can affect our moods, but it can also be used to show how we're feeling on the inside. In each box below, look at the emotion being described. Then fill in the sky with clouds, a sun or moon, wind, rain, or anything else that might express this mood.

happy

sad

angry

silly



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