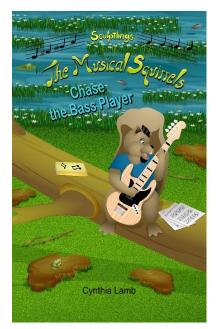


The Musical Squirrels Series



Topic and Discussion Page

Chase the Bass Player

Sculptlings Music Book (Inspirational Book on learning music and dealing with emotions. How To Handle The Disappointment Of Forgetting)

Chase the Bass Player is an Inspirational Book on learning how to deal with your emotions. When learning a new skill it can be an emotional experience. Chase the Bass Player is a positive uplifting book for kids who get upset easily.

Chase gets upset and frustrated when he doesn't practice and finds that he has forgotten everything he had learned. It can be a discouraging feeling when you don't practice. Chase teaches kids how to deal with these types of disappointments by staying positive and determined. Learning to deal with getting frustrated is a skill that kids need to overcome and it is a big part of being a musician.

Book Topics

- Learning To Deal With Being Frustrated
- Not Letting the Disappointment of Forgetting Discourage You
- The Importance of Staying Positive
- The Importance of Practicing

Ideas for how to review this book with kids 3-5:

- What was the message of the story? Go back to each page and have the child describe what is going on.
- Have the child retell the story in their own words.

Questions:

- How does Chase feel when he forgets?
- Why does Chase keep forgetting how to play the bass?
- What could Chase do to help him remember his songs?

Compare Books

Try comparing the story Chase the Bass Player with other Sculptling Books, such as Lee the Ukulele Player and compare the 2 messages.

• Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same? (Example: In both stories the characters have to practicing to get better. They both have to stay positive and determined so they don't get upset or frustrated and distract the other squirrels from playing.

Tips on Topics and Discussions for Advanced Readers or Musicians:

- What is the cause and effect of Chase not playing the bass?
- What type of emotions does Chase feel when he realizes he forgot all his songs?
- What does Chase do when he realizes he forgot how to play his songs?
- Why does Chase call his friends to help him?