

Topic and Discussions with Q & A

Sculptlings

The Musical Squirrels Series



Bo the Banjo Player

An Educational Story about Music and Inner Happiness

Bo the Banjo Player is an inspiring story designed to teach young readers that true happiness comes from within. As Bo and his band journey through fame and fortune, they discover that joy doesn't come from external circumstances, but from the heart. It's an important lesson for a young musician. This story integrates early music education with an emotional intelligence lesson, making it especially valuable for children exploring both creativity and self-awareness.

Book Topics

- Understanding where happiness comes from
- Being Content with Where You Are
- Appreciating what you have
- Recognizing and overcoming envy.
- A lesson about wanting more

Discussion Ideas for Kids Ages 3–6:

Engage little learners with simple, interactive questions and activities:

- What was the message of the story?
- Have the child retell the story in their own words.
- Go through each page together. What is happening in the pictures?
- “How do you think Bo felt when he traveled with the band?”
- “What made Bo feel happy at the end?”
- “Did you ever think that doing something would be fun and it wasn't, like Bo did?”
- Rhyme Time: Find rhyming words together. “Did you hear any words that sound the same?”

More Ideas for how to use these books with your Kindergarteners to 2nd Graders.

- Discuss the metaphors that are used within the story.
- Find words that Rhyme within each story.
- Discuss feelings and how each character acts and reacts for SEL learning.
- Use 2 stories to create a character comparison. For compare and contrast lessons. Create a T-Chart for the classroom. (Help kids organize their thoughts by writing the word (Same) on one side and (Different) on the other. Separate the answers with the similarities and differences.)

You can also use the Sculptlings Activity Coloring Book as a great way to get to know all the characters. Kids can enjoy 60 Activities including lots of coloring fun! Book sold separately.



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Discussion about the story
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Listen to each question carefully. Then write the answer.

1. Who is the main character in the story? _____

2. What does Bo like to do for fun? _____

3. What kind of instrument does Bo play? _____

4. Who comes to play music with Bo? _____

5. What happens when people heard Bo's music from far away? _____

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Q: Did Bo go far away to play his music?

7. Was Bo happy when he was famous? _____

Q: Did Bo like traveling all the time?



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8. Where did Bo feel the happiest? _____

Q: What makes you think that?

9. Do you think Bo liked being with his friends more than being famous? _____

10. What does Bo learn at the end of the story? _____



Q & A for Discussion about the story Bo the Banjo Player

Answers for Bo the Banjo Player

1. Who is the main character in the story?

Q: Who plays the banjo?

A: Bo!

2. What does Bo like to do for fun?

A: He likes to play music with his friends.

3. What kind of instrument does Bo play?

A: The banjo!

4. Who comes to play music with Bo?

A: Bo's friends come to play music with him!

5. What happens when people heard Bo's music from far away?

A: Lots of people came to hear the music.

6. Did Bo and his band travel to play music?

A: Yes, he traveled with his band.

7. Was Bo happy when he was famous?

Q: Did Bo like traveling all the time?

A: At first, yes but later he missed home and became sad.

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Q: What makes you think that?

A: At home, playing music with his friends!

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Q: What does Bo learn at the end?

A: That being with friends and doing what you love makes you happy.

10. Do you think Bo liked being with his friends more than being famous?

Q: What do *you* think made Bo smile more?

A: Being with his friends!



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- A. Piano B. Drums
C. Banjo D. Guitar

2. Why did Bo invite his friends over?

- A. To go swimming B. To play music together
C. To go fishing D. To build a treehouse

3. What happened when Bo and his friends played music at his house?

- A. It started to rain B. No one listened
C. The music was carried by the wind D. They got bored

4. How did people in the town react to Bo's music?

- A. They didn't like it B. They danced and cheered
C. They told them to stop D. They ignored it

5. What did Bo and the band do after they became popular?

- A. Stopped playing music B. Traveled to play more shows
C. Opened a store D. Moved to the city



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- A. They missed their instruments
- B. They didn't have any food
- C. They missed home and were tired
- D. The music was too loud

7. What did Bo and his band decide to do at the end?

- A. Play louder
- B. Go back home
- C. Move to another town
- D. Make new instruments

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- A. Being famous is the best
- B. Playing fast is most fun
- C. Music is only fun when people clap
- D. Happiness comes from within not what your life is like at that moment



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