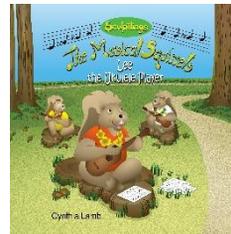


## Comparing Sculptling Books

Jimmy the Drummer



Lee the Ukulele Player



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## Compare & Reflect Ideas With Sculptling Books

### Compare Books

Try comparing the story Jimmy the Drummer with other Sculptlings 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 Comparison:** Chase and Lee both know that practicing helps you get better at music. But their stories are different, Chase takes long breaks and forgets how to play, so he has to relearn everything. Lee keeps practicing and gets ready right away, so he doesn't forget. Both stories show that practicing, especially with friends, helps you improve and have fun with music.

### Ideas for how to review these books with your Preschool kids.

- Discuss the Characters facial expressions. Are they happy, sad or upset in the illustrations.
- Discuss the characters similarities. (Example: They both wanted attention, fame and to feel important.
- Discuss the characters differences. (Example: Bo and Peter thought showing off would make them happy for different reasons:

### Discussion Questions for Advanced Readers (Ages 6–7)

Help older kids think more critically and connect the story to real-life situations:

- Encourage children to examine themes and character growth across books.
- Encourage empathy and self-reflection as children explore the characters' feelings.
- Use the story as a springboard to talk about emotions, Happy, Sad, and feeling Disappointed or Frustrated.



# Comparing Sculptling Books

## Chase the Bass Player and Lee the Ukulele Player

### Discussion Topics & Questions for Preschoolers

**1. Does Jimmy and Lee both love music? Yes!**

- Jimmy likes to play drums.
- Lee likes to play the ukulele.

**2. Do they both like to play music with their friends? Yes!**

- Jimmy made a drum circle with friends.
- Lee played in a band with friends.

**3. How do they both practice, try to play well?**

- Jimmy and Pete make up songs and play together.
- Lee practices a lot to play with his band.

**4. How do you know that they both want to have fun while making music?**

- Jimmy says you can make music with anything and just have fun!
- Lee likes to play songs with his friends and enjoy music together.

**5. How do they both help others learn about music?**

- Jimmy teaches friends to join and play with him.
- Lee explains why practicing is important to his friends.

**6. How did they both think that music is more fun with friends?**

- Jimmy loved making a drum circle where everyone played together.
- Lee played in a band and enjoyed sharing music with others.

**7. Can you can make music with anything?**

- Jimmy showed that you don't need fancy instruments: you can use cans, shells, or your hands to make sounds.

**8. How does practicing help you get better?**

- Lee practiced a lot so he could play well with his band. Practicing helps us improve! You can remember easier and you know what to do!

**9. How does working together make music sound good?**

- Lee told his friends that the purpose of practicing is so that you sing and play like we all do.
- When you play the same song together you can work on it to make it sound nice.



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#### 10. How does sharing music bring people closer?

- Both Jimmy and Lee showed that making music together helps you make new friends and have fun.

#### 11. How are the stories different?

##### Answer:

- Jimmy plays the drums
- Lee plays the ukulele

#### 12. How do they play music in different ways?

##### Answer:

- Jimmy starts a drum circle and invites others to join in
- Lee plays in a band and practices a lot to sound good

#### 13. How do they handle problems differently?

- Jimmy's story is happy and playful. Everyone joins in and has fun.
- Lee's story has some problems. Someone sings too loud and plays the wrong song. Lee has to correct them

#### 14 How are their messages different?

- Jimmy's story teaches that anyone can make music and its fun to share.
- Lee's story teaches that practicing is important if you want to do your best playing with others.



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### Discussion Topics & Questions for Kindergarten to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

#### 1: Working Together

**Question: How did Jimmy and Lee work with other people in their stories?**

Possible Answer: Jimmy made music with Pete and then more squirrels joined. He made a drum circle with everyone.

Lee practiced alone, then joined a band and played music with others too.

**Follow-up Question: Why is it good to play music with others?**

Possible Answer: Because it's fun, and the music sounds better with more people.

#### 2: Practicing and Getting Better

**Question: Why did Lee practice a lot before playing with the band?**

Possible Answer: He wanted to do a good job and help the band sound good.

**Follow-up Question: Did Jimmy practice in the same way?**

Possible Answer: Not really. Jimmy made music with his friends while they were playing. It was like fun practice.

#### 3: Problem Solving with Friends

**Question: What problem did Lee have in his story?**

Possible Answer: One person in the band was too loud and didn't practice the song. It messed everything up.

**Follow-up Question: How did Lee fix the problem?**

Possible Answer: He talked to the person and explained how practicing helps everyone play better.



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#### 4: Being Kind and Inclusive

**Question 4: How did Jimmy make everyone feel welcome in his drum circle?**

Possible Answer: He told them they could play with anything—even cans and sand—and just have fun.

**Follow-up Question: Why is it good to let everyone join in, even if they don't have real instruments?**

Possible Answer: Because it's fun to play together and no one feels left out.

#### 5: Feelings and Friendship

**Question: How do you think Jimmy and Lee felt when they played with others?**

Possible Student Answer: Happy! Jimmy was excited to make music with new friends. Lee was proud to help his band.

**Follow-up Question: Have you ever done something with friends that made you feel happy or proud?**

Possible Answer: (Students may talk about team sports, group art projects, or music activities.)

#### 6. Comparison Wrap-Up

**Question: What are some ways Jimmy and Lee are the same? What are some ways they are different?**

Possible Answer: They both love music and played with other people. Jimmy made a drum circle for fun, but Lee practiced hard to play in a band.



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Create a Comparison Chart and compare the answers. Ask how it is the Same or Different?

### Use This Chart To Ask:

- “How were Chase and Lee the same?”
- “How were they different?”
- “What can we learn from both of them?”

### Comparison Chart: Jimmy the Drummer vs. Lee the Ukulele Player

What We're Comparing	Jimmy the Drummer	Lee the Ukulele Player
<b>Instrument</b>	Drums	Ukulele
<b>How They Make Music</b>	Starts a fun drum circle with friends	Joins a band and practices a lot
<b>Plays Alone or With Friends?</b>	With friends (lots of animals join in)	With friends (bandmates)
<b>Main Message</b>	Music can be made by anyone, with anything	Practice helps you play better with others
<b>Problem in the Story</b>	No big problem — everyone has fun	A friend sings too loud and plays wrong notes
<b>How They Solve It</b>	Invites everyone to join and be creative	Lee kindly helps his friend learn and stay on track
<b>What They Teach Us</b>	Music brings people together and it's fun!	Practice makes teamwork sound great!



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### Jimmy the Drummer and Lee the Ukulele Player

Comparison Questions: Circle the best answer:

**1. Who plays the drums?**

- A) Jimmy
- B) Lee
- C) A monkey

**2. What instrument does Lee play?**

- A) Drums
- B) Ukulele
- C) Trumpet

**3. What do both Jimmy and Lee like to do?**

- A) Bake cookies
- B) Make music with friends
- C) Go swimming

**4. Who made a big drum circle with other animals?**

- A) Jimmy
- B) Lee
- C) Both of them

**5. Who practiced a lot before playing in the band?**

- A) Jimmy
- B) Lee
- C) A giraffe

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### Jimmy the Drummer and Lee the Ukulele Player

6. What do BOTH stories teach us?

- A) Playing alone is the best
- B) Music is fun to share
- C) You don't need friends

7. Jimmy and Lee both like to play music with friends.

- True
- False

8. Jimmy made a drum circle with his friends.

- True
- False

9. Lee didn't practice before playing with his band.

- True
- False

10. Jimmy said you can make music by using anything.

- True
- False



## Comparing Sculptling Books Answer Key

### Chase the Bass Player and Lee the Ukulele Player

#### Preschool

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✓ Answer: A) Jimmy

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- B) Ukulele
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✓ Answer: B) Ukulele

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- A) Bake cookies
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- C) Go swimming

✓ Answer: B) Make music with friends

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✓ Answer: A) Jimmy

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*True or False:*

7. Jimmy and Lee both like to play music with friends.

✓ True = *They both enjoy making music together!*

8. Jimmy made a drum circle with his friends.

✓ True = *Jimmy invited others to join and play drums.*

9. Lee didn't practice before playing with his band.

✗ False = *Lee practiced a lot before playing with the band.*

10. Jimmy said you can make music by using anything.

✓ True = *You don't need a real drum — you can use cans or your hands*



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### Jimmy the Drummer and Lee the Ukulele Player

Comparison Questions: Circle the best answer:

**1. What does Jimmy love to play?**

- A) Guitar
- B) Drums
- C) Violin

**2. What instrument does Lee play?**

- A) Piano
- B) Flute
- C) Ukulele

**3. How are Jimmy and Lee the same?**

- A) They both love music
- B) They both like swimming
- C) They both ride bikes

**4. Who made a drum circle with friends?**

- A) Lee
- B) Jimmy
- C) A squirrel

**5. Why did Lee practice so much?**

- A) He wanted to win a prize
- B) He wanted to play with the band
- C) He was bored

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### Jimmy the Drummer and Lee the Ukulele Player

6. What is something both stories teach us?

- A) Music is better with friends
- B) It's fun to play music in the rain
- C) You have to play very loudly

7. Lee told his friend it's important to practice to play well with others.

True

False

8. Jimmy was sad when more squirrels joined his drum circle.

True

False

9. Lee and his friends never had any problems playing music together.

True

False

10. Jimmy's drum circle helped everyone become friends.

True

False

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Answer: C) Ukulele

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Answer: B) He wanted to play with the band

6. What is something both stories teach us?

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- C) You have to play very loudly

Answer: A) Music is better with friends

7. Lee told his friend it's important to practice to play well with others.

True = Lee explained that practicing helps everyone sound good together.

8. Jimmy was sad when more squirrels joined his drum circle.

False = Jimmy was happy and excited when others joined in!

9. Lee and his friends never had any problems playing music together.

False = Sometimes they had to stop because someone wasn't playing the right song.

10. Jimmy's drum circle helped everyone become friends.

True = Making music together brought everyone closer. And Jimmy decided to do it again!