

# Topic and Discussions with Q & A

**Sculptlings**

## The Musical Squirrels Series



## Jimmy the Drummer

**About Making Music With Different Sounds. Teaches Music Skills such as Coordination.**

**Jimmy the Drummer** is all about the joy of making music and sharing it with friends. Jimmy loves playing the drums and creating songs with his friend Pete. As their music fills the air, more squirrels join in, turning their jam session into a fun-filled drum circle! Jimmy shows everyone that you don't need real instruments to make music—you can use cans, coconuts, shells, or even just your hands. This heartwarming story teaches kids that music is for everyone, it brings people together, and the best music comes from the heart.

### Book Topics

- Coordination
- Music and Rhythm
- Staying In Time
- Listening and Following Directions
- Teamwork
- Creating Sounds
- Self-Expression

**Ideas for how to review this book with Preschool kids: Engage little learners with simple, interactive questions and activities:**

- What was the message of the story?
- Can you retell the story in your own words? (Let the child share what they remember. It helps with comprehension and expression.)
- Go page by page: Ask, "What's happening here?"
- Rhyme Time: Find rhyming words together. "Did you hear any words that sound the same?"

### Suggested Follow-Up Activities:

- Create a classroom drum circle using recycled materials. Invite children to make music with their own hands. Let children take turns being the "leader" of the beat, like Jimmy. Have everyone follow along and play together. (Invite 1 kid at a time to join in. This will help them participate and stay in time.)
- Make your own instrument. Use empty water bottle and put something in it to make a shaker or rattle sound.

**More Ideas for how to use these books with your Kindergarteners to 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:**

### Discussion Questions:

- Jimmy said you don't need real drums. If you don't have drums, what can you use to make music? (*Empty water bottles, sand in a bottle or your hands!*)
- How did everyone feel when they played music together? (*The felt Happy! Everyone joined in and played together! They had fun and made new friends.*)



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### Topic and Discussions about the story Jimmy the Drummer

These questions can be asked during or after reading to encourage children to think, respond, and connect with Jimmy's message.

**1. Why did Jimmy like playing the drums so much?**

**Answer:** *Because it was fun and it made him happy! He also liked making music with his friends.*

**2. Who was Jimmy's first friend to play music with him?**

**Answer:** *Pete the squirrel. They made up songs and played together.*

**3. What did Jimmy do to get more animals to join the music?**

**Answer:** *He played loudly and happily, and the sound made other squirrels want to join the fun!*

**4. What are some things Jimmy said you could use to make music?**

**Answer:** *Cans, shells, sand, coconuts even your hands!*

**5. Why do you think everyone wanted to join the drum circle?**

**Answer:** *Because it looked fun and made everyone feel included. The music brought everyone together.*

**6. What does Jimmy mean when he says, "Sharing one beat comes from the heart"?**

**Answer:** *It means playing music together helps people feel connected and happy. It shows you care about others and want to have fun with them.*

**7. What can we learn from Jimmy in this story?**

**Answer:**

- *That you don't need fancy things to have fun.*
- *That music can bring people together.*
- *That sharing and including others makes everyone feel good.*

**8. If you could make your own instrument, what would it be made of?**

**Answer (examples):**

- *A box drum out of a cereal box*
- *A shaker from a plastic bottle and rice*
- *A drum from a pot and a spoon*

**9. What kind of music do you like to make or listen to?**

**Answer:**

- *Do you like fast music with clapping?*
- *Do you like soft music that you can sing along to?*
- *Do you like music that you can dance to?*



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#### 2. What does Jimmy like to play?

- A) Guitar
- B) Drums
- C) Piano

#### 3. Who plays music with Jimmy first?

- A) A dancing squirrel
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**5. What can you use to make music, like Jimmy said?**

- A) Only a real drum
- B) Anything like cans or shells
- C) Just a toy

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- A) Sad
- B) Mad
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- A) A race
- B) A drum circle
- C) A birthday party

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## Preschool

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**Correct Answer: B) To bring everyone together through music**

**7. What important lesson did Jimmy learn?**

- A) Music should be quiet
- B) Only some people can play music
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**Correct Answer: C) Music brings people together and comes from the heart**

**8. Jimmy learned that music brings everyone together.**

- A) True
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**9. Jimmy made music by clapping, tapping, and using different objects.**

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