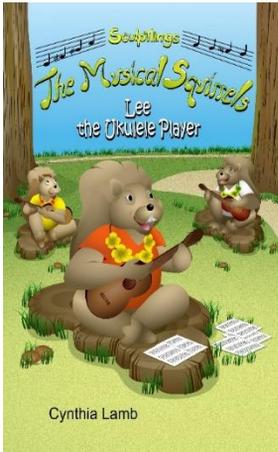


Topic and Discussions with Q & A

Sculptlings

The Musical Squirrels Series



Lee the Ukulele Player

A Music Book that teaches Basic Music Concepts Such As Listening and Following Direction.

Lee the Ukulele Player Book teaches kids the importance of listening and following directions. Lee teaches young children the importance of practicing self-control, especially when working or playing with others. Kids learn what it means to respect others, practice on their own, and play together with focus and care.

This humorous, rhyming story introduces basic music concepts in a way that's playful and relatable, making it a great tool for teaching both social-emotional skills and early music appreciation at home or in a classroom.

Book Topics

- Social Skills
- Listening Skills
- Self-Control
- Following Directions
- Importance of Practicing

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?
- Retell the story in your own words.
- Go back to each page and describe what is going on. (Let the child share what they remember. It helps with comprehension and expression.)
- Ask: What happened when someone sang really loud or played the wrong song?" (*It made it hard for the band to keep going.*)
- 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 concepts of Listening, Following Directions and using Self-Control.
- Why do you think Lee practiced so much before the band got together?" (*Talk about how practice helps us get better at anything like reading, sports, music, or even being a good friend.*)
- What do you think Lee meant when he said "Let's try playing together to my rhythm and Jimmy's beat" (*He wanted everyone to follow the same pattern so the band would sound good together*)
- Why is it important to listen before we do an activity together? (*So we know what to do.*)
- How can we show self-control during a group activity? (*Take turns and wait, Don't talk when someone else is talking and Try not to interrupt someone or be too loud.*)

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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Discussions on Lee the Ukulele Player

Discussion Topics, For Preschoolers

Discussion Topics: (For kids 3-5)

Story Comprehension

1: What happened in the story?

(Lee was happy playing music and he practiced a lot. Then he played with his friends in a band. One of the band members weren't listening and kept screwing everyone up. Lee had to try to talk to him about it so they could play together nicely.)

2. What did the character teach us in the story?

"Lee taught us that practicing helps you play better."

Feelings and Emotions

3: How do you think the character felt?

(Lee felt happy to play music. The one band member felt silly when he sang too loud. But then Lee got mad (annoyed) when he had to keep stopping because the one squirrel kept messing up.)

4: Have you ever felt that way too? (Open discussion)

(Yes, I felt happy when I was going to play a game with my friends. I felt silly when I made a mistake. And I got mad when someone didn't play the game the right way.)

Friendship and Kindness

5: Was the character being a good friend? Why or why not?

(Lee was a good friend because he was trying to explain what the one band member was doing wrong. And Lee made a suggestion that would help him play better.)

6: How can we be good friends like the characters?

(We can listen and share. We can say nice words.)

7: What can we say if a friend makes a mistake?

(It's okay! Let's try again!)



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About the Story

8. What is Lee's instrument called? *"A ukulele!"*
9. Did Lee play music all by himself or with friends? *"He played with a band!"*
10. What did Lee do to get ready to play music with his friends? *"He practiced!"*
11. What happened when someone didn't listen or play the right song? *"It sounded silly! And they had to stop playing."*

About Listening & Self-Control

12. What happens when we don't listen during a game or song? *"We mess it up." (Explain: how It's okay to make a mistake, but there is a time to act silly and a time when we need to pay attention and follow directions to learn."*
13. What can we do if we feel really excited but need to be quiet? *"Take a deep breath and practice waiting my turn."*

About Being a Good Friend or Team Member

14. Was Lee being a good friend when he helped someone in the band? *"Yes! He helped them do better."*
15. What can you say to help a friend who makes a mistake? *"It's okay, try again! Or ask if they want help"*
16. How can we work together with our friends? *"Listen!" "Take turns." "Help each other."*

Making Personal Connections

17. What does Lee mean by practicing? Have you ever practiced something at home or school? *(Open discussion.) Did you mess up a couple of times before you got it right? After you did it a few times, did it make it easier to do? That means practicing helped you!*
18. What's something you would like to get better at? *"Drawing!" or "Singing! or "Throwing a ball!" They all take practice to get better.*



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Discussion Topics, For Kindergarten to 2nd Grade

Discussion Topics: (For kids 5-7)

Listening and Following Directions Discussions:

1. **Q: Why was it important for Lee and his friends to listen to each other when they played music?** *"So the music sounded good." "If they didn't listen, it got all messy!"*
2. **Q: What happens when someone doesn't follow directions during a game or activity?** *"The game doesn't work." "People get confused or stop having fun."*
3. **Q: Why is it sometimes hard to listen?** *"It's hard when I can't wait to get started."*
4. **What helps you listen better?** *"Taking a deep breaths."*

Being Part of a Team Discussion:

5. **Q: What does it mean to be a team player like Lee?** *"To help other people." "You listen and play together." "You don't try to do everything by yourself."*
6. **Q: Was Lee kind when he helped his friend who wasn't ready?** *"Yes. He didn't yell at his friend. He tried to help him."*
7. **Q: How can we tell someone something they need to hear, but in a nice way?** *"We can use a calm voice." "Say, 'Next time, let's practice together!'" "We can say, 'It's okay, let's try again.'"*
8. **Q: What would you do if a friend wasn't listening during a group activity?** *"I would ask them nicely to listen." "I could show them what to do."*

Using Self-Control

9. **Q: What happened when someone sang too loud or played the wrong song?** *"Everyone had to stop." "It didn't sound good."*
10. **Q: When do you need to use self-control at school, at home, or with friends?** *"When I wait in line at school." "At dinner, I try not to interrupt." "When someone else is talking, I wait my turn."*
11. **Q: What helps you stay calm or focused when you're excited or frustrated?** *"Counting to 10." "Taking a break." "Squeezing my hands together."*



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