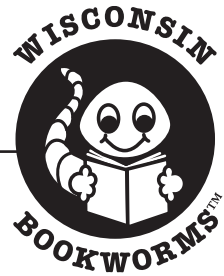


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Activity Sheet



"Quick as a Cricket"

By Audrey Wood, illustrated by Don Wood

The little boy uses many phrases to describe different animals he sees on a bulletin board in his room. He puts them all together and describes himself.

Before you read this book: Ask children to act out what "quiet as a mouse" means to them. Brainstorm about words they think describe themselves. Are they excited, tired, mad, happy, frightened, loud, snuggly, etc. Encourage them to think about how they feel at different times. Get started with the phrase, "Sometimes I am ..."

While you read this book: Pause often to look at the pictures. Take time to look at the boy's inspiration — the bulletin board — at the end of the book. As you read each line, have the children identify the animal.

After you read this book: Have the children decide what animal they "feel" like today. Are they as "loud as a lion" or as "wild as a chimp?" Have them draw a picture of themselves and the animal or have them act like the animal.

Try this at home: Play music with an upbeat tempo. Have the children improvise movements that illustrate the phrases from the book. Or, have a parade around the block taking turns being the different animals in the book.

Enjoy books about insects: "Be Nice to Spiders," "A Color of His Own," "Creepy Crawlies," "Sam and the Firefly," "I Wish I Were a Butterfly," "The Very Quiet Cricket" and "Miss Spider's Tea Party"

Enjoy books by this author: "Alphabet Adventure," "Alphabet Rescue," "The Tickleoctopus," "The Deep Blue Sea: A Book of Colors," "Ten Little Fish," "Magic Shoelaces" and "Juba's Wish"

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