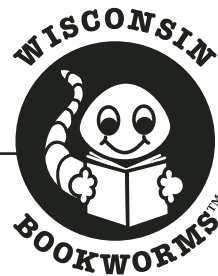


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Activity Sheet



Under My Hood I Have a Hat

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Winter is here and it's time to put on your gloves and mittens, and scarf and hat ...

Before you read this book: Decorate for winter. Make snowflakes with white construction paper and decorate the walls. Have your kids wear something from their outdoor winter clothes while you read. Or, for a special winter adventure, go outside for a great bundled-up reading time.

Reading Tip: Set the stage. Sometimes it doesn't work well to simply launch into a story. Try catching their attention with a related object. For instance, wear your own gloves while you start to open the book and turn the pages. Then, tell them you know a story about a little girl and her winter clothes.

While you read this book: Bring in all the winter clothes in the book — hood, hat, coat, (red) sweater, muffler, gloves, mittens, snow pants, boots and socks. As you read, find the right item of clothing both in your extra clothes and on your kids (if they've worn something from their winter clothes).

Talk about dressing up for winter. What is it like? Is it different than dressing for summer, fall, spring? Talk about the order of putting on your winter clothes. What goes on first? What goes on last? Encourage your kids to wear their favorite winter hat. Ask about the hats. What color are they? Where did they come from? Why is it your favorite hat? (Don't forget your own favorite hat!)

After you read this book: If there is snow on the ground, go outside and make snow angels (like at the end of the book). Be sure to point out this final picture in the book. Play a mitten match game. Provide several pairs of gloves and mittens of different colors for your kids to match and try on.

At home: Make snowflakes for your windows from white typing paper. Show your kids how to fold the paper three times. Cut random notches and curves in the folded edge, leaving some of the edge uncut. Unfold the paper to see the snowflakes. Let your children tape their snowflakes to the windows

Extend the fun with more great books about winter: "Caps, Hats, Socks and Mittens" by Louise Bordon, "First Snow" by Emily Arnold McCully, "The Mitten" by Alvin Tresselt, "Froggy Gets Dressed" by Jonathan London

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