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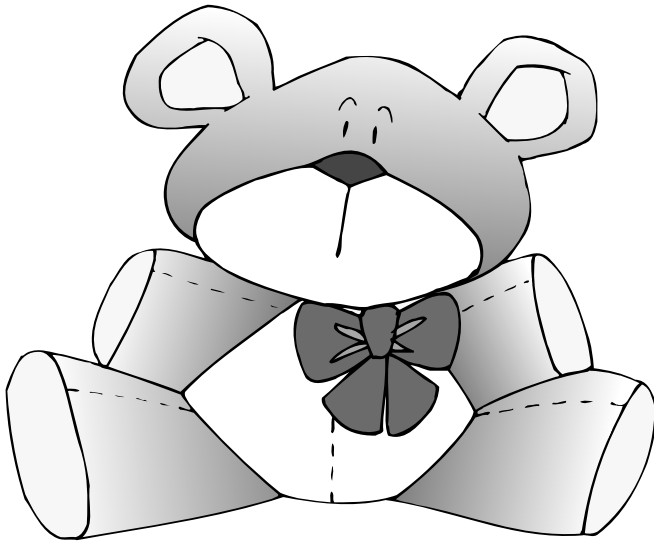
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Ira Sleeps Over

Teddy Bear Friends









Summary

Ira is invited to sleep over at Reggie's house. He is excited until he becomes concerned about taking his teddy bear with him. Ira worries that Reggie will make fun of him. He also worries that he won't be able to sleep without his teddy bear. After all his worrying, Ira discovers that Reggie sleeps with a teddy bear, too. So Ira returns home to get his teddy bear for the sleep over.

Before Reading

Discuss things that help you sleep at night. Some people like to cuddle with a blanket or a toy. Some people like to sleep on one side or with a special pillow.

While Reading

-  Read to the part of the story in which Ira first asks, "Should I take him?"
-  What should Ira do? Should Ira leave the teddy bear at home? Why? Should he take the teddy bear? Why?
-  Read to the point of the story in which Ira and Reggie start to tell ghost stories.
-  Discuss why Reggie goes to get his teddy bear. Why doesn't Reggie take his teddy bear in the first place? How does it make Ira feel when he discovers Reggie has a teddy bear, too?
-  Finish the story.
-  Why does Ira's sister think Reggie will laugh at Ira's teddy bear? Why do his parents think it is okay for Ira to take his bear?

After Reading

What values do students recognize in this story? What other stories are similar to this one? How are they different? What real-life incidents touch on the same issues?



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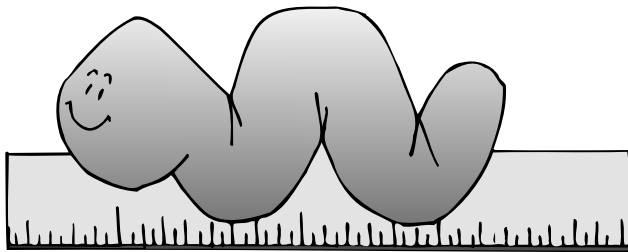
Being Useful

Summary









An inchworm tries to show his usefulness by measuring many things. Then the nightingale threatens to eat him if he doesn't measure her song. The story shows how he outsmarts the nightingale.

Before Reading

Find the inchworm on the cover. Why is he called an inchworm? Show an inch on a ruler. Find the inchworm on the title page.



While Reading

-  Read about the robin on the first page.
-  Find the inchworm. What are some things the robin might do?
-  Read to the point of the story in which the nightingale asks the inchworm to measure her song.
-  Can he measure the song? How can a song be measured? What is his idea?
-  Read to the point of the story in which the nightingale signs and the inchworm measures. Read up to the last page.
-  Where is the inchworm on each page? What is he doing?
-  Finish the story.
-  How does the inchworm solve the problem? Is it right for the nightingale to want to eat the inchworm? Why or why not? Answers to these questions will vary. What other ways do animals escape from each other?

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