

Lost and Found

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Adventure, Animals, Feelings, Friendship

Book Brief: When a boy finds a lost penguin at his door, he decides to return it to the South Pole. After a challenging journey filled with stories, they arrive but feel sad, realizing the penguin wasn't lost; it was just lonely.

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TIME TO READ!



Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child what they think will happen in the story.

During: As you read, ask, “How is the boy trying to help the penguin?”

After, ask questions:

- What happened to the penguin at the end of the story?
- What did the boy learn?
- What do you think would have happened if the boy didn't go back for the penguin?

INTENTIONAL TALK

Print Awareness - is a critical skill in learning to read. Print awareness includes understanding that letters make up words in print, and written words represent spoken words. The word “penguin” is repeated many times in the story. After you have

read the book a few times, look at the first page and point out the word “penguin.” Point to each letter individually and say the name of the letter(s). Then, walk through the text in the book and see if you can find the word “penguin” again.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

SINK OR FLOAT? EXPERIMENT

Materials: container for water, household objects (e.g., paper clips, coins, leaves, feathers), water

Find a couple of objects around the house that can get wet. Have your child note the size and weight of each item and predict whether it will float (like the boat in the book) or sink.

Ask, “Do you think your object will float? Why or why not?” They can also draw their observations on a piece of paper or notepad. Have your child place the object in the water and then observe whether it floats or sinks. Finally, talk to your child about which objects floated and which sank. What did they notice or discover?



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY OLIVER JEFFERS

- **The Day the Crayons Came Home (2015)**
- **The Day the Crayons Quit (2013)**
- **How to Catch a Star (2004)**