

Sam and Dave Dig a Hole

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

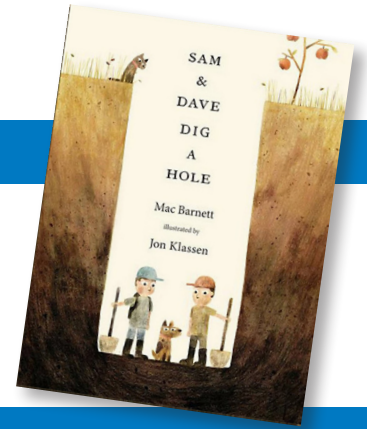
Themes: Earth Science, Rocks and Minerals, Adventure

Book Brief: Sam and Dave set off to find something spectacular while digging in the backyard. Will they

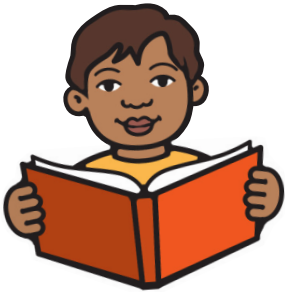
find the treasure they're hoping for?

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TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: What do you think Sam and Dave are digging for? How do you think they'll get out of their hole? What do you think will happen to the dog in the hole with them?

While reading, make

inferences: What do you think the boys meant by something spectacular? What is the relationship between the two boys? What is the dog thinking?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Where did Sam and Dave end up?
- ◆ Why are the details in the illustrations so important to this story?
- ◆ How long do you think it would take to dig a hole that deep?
- ◆ What would you want to find if you dug a hole like Sam and Dave?
- ◆ In the real world, do you think it would be possible to dig a hole that deep using only shovels?
- ◆ How long would it take?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

DIGGING DIRT CUPS

Ingredients: chocolate pudding mix, milk, chocolate cookies, colored candies

Mix pudding according to the box instructions and let chill. Crush chocolate cookies inside a plastic baggie until the crumbs look like dirt. In a clear bowl or cup, layer the pudding, cookie crumbs, and a candy. Repeat layers. Top with more cookie crumbs or "dirt." When finished, dig into your spectacular dessert and see if you can find the hidden gems. (For a more healthful alternative, use nonfat yogurt instead of pudding.)

CAN YOU DIG IT?

Be sure to ask a parent or guardian for permission, then grab a friend and a shovel and find your own digging spot. Before you begin, make a list of things you think you will find on your dig. Bring a bucket or

empty can to hold all of the things you find during your dig. After you're done, compare what you actually find to what you thought you might find. Any surprises?



ROCKIN' ART

Materials: rock(s) of varying sizes, paint brushes, paper plate, paint

Gather a large rock or several small rocks that you find interesting. Smooth rocks will be easier to work with, but any old rocks will do. Place globs of paint onto the plate to create your palette. Think about the design you would like to create on your rock. Be creative and make your rock a one of a kind! Once you've finished painting, let your rock(s) dry in a sunny spot, then display.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Rules of the House (2016)
Telephone (2014)
Extra Yarn (2012)



Reading Is Fundamental