

Wings

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Responsibility, Diversity, Friendship
Grade Level: 1st to 3rd grade
Book Brief: A boy's wings make him a target for school bullies.

Author and Illustrator:
Christopher Myers



TIME TO READ!



Before reading, make predictions: Guess what the book will be about by looking at the cover.

While reading, look at the pictures: Why do you

think the artist uses collages instead of drawings?
Why does he use the colors he uses?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why were the other kids mean to Ikarus?
- ◆ How do you think Ikarus felt when everyone was talking about him?
- ◆ Why did the girl think that she had the same problem as Ikarus?
- ◆ How did the girl stop the bullying?
- ◆ What could the other kids in the story have done differently?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

OUT AND ABOUT

Go to <http://youtu.be/7W1TZ16W-3k> to watch a fun remake of the Greek myth of Icarus. How was he like Ikarus Jackson? How was he different? What is the moral, or the the lesson, of each story?

WING SANDWICHES

Ingredients: bread, sandwich fillings

Make your favorite sandwich. Cut into 2 triangles. Touch the outside corners together in middle of plate. These are the wings. Decorate with pieces of fruit or vegetables to create a butterfly sandwich.

COLLAGE

Materials: magazines, scissors, glue, construction paper

Christopher Myers uses collages to tell the story of Ikarus. Make your own collage! Cut out pictures from magazines or draw and cut your own designs. Glue pieces together onto paper to create a picture. What story does your collage tell?



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

Black Cat (1999), *Fly!* (2001),
Lies and Other Tall Tales (2005),
Looking Like Me (2010).



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