

Activity Sheet



The Biggest Snowman Ever by Steven Kroll

When the mayor of Mouseville announces the town snowman contest, Clayton and Desmond claim that they will each make the biggest snowman ever. But building a huge snowman alone is hard! They work and work, but their snowmen just aren't big enough. Soon they have an idea. As the day of the contest approaches, Clayton and Desmond join forces to build the biggest snowman ever.

Before you read this book: This book is about kids working together to accomplish a task. Before you read the book, ask the following questions. "Have you ever built a snowman? Did you build the snowman yourself or did you have someone help you? Is it easier to do something yourself or to have someone help you?"

While you read this book: Ask your kids to role-play: "put their arms out in front of them to make the largest circle possible and count by saying '1'. Then ask kids to make a slightly smaller circle with their arms and say '2' and then an even smaller circle which is number '3.'" It typically takes 3 circles to make a snowman.

After you read this book: As a group, re-read the book and talk about times when kids worked with someone to accomplish a task. Ask kids "why is it helpful to work with someone to complete a task?"

At home: Make a snowman by covering an empty toilet paper roll with white paper or have child color the roll with a white crayon. Have child select a crayon to make eyes and nose or glue old buttons in place to make a face. To add arms, find a couple of three to four inch twigs and cut small hole in tube with knife. Help child insert twigs. If desired help child make small hat to place on top of tube.

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