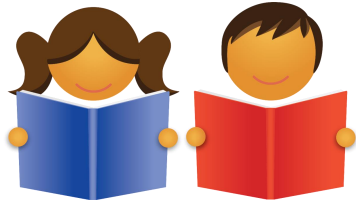


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Tips for the Reader

This is a book about believing in yourself. The little blue engine had never gone over the mountain before but had faith in themselves and was able to make it.

New words and sounds your child might learn: Rumble, Engine, Merrily, Passenger, Freight, Dingy, Mountain, Steadily, Berths, Hitched, Tugged

Before Reading:

Show your kid the cover and point to the little blue engine on the cover. Ask your kid what they think trains do? How do they help people? Explain their purpose.

Discuss what the train on the cover is doing. Then make sure to explain what each train does during the book.

During the Book:

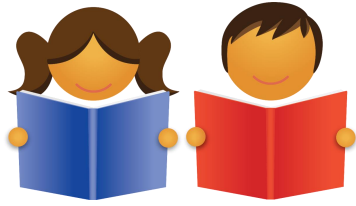
As each new train comes up, talk in more detail about what one does differently.

As each train gives their reason why that can't help, ask your kid how they feel about each reason?

During the reading, make sure to stop on each vocab word and ensure understanding. Share the definition as needed.

Ask your kid how they feel about the little blue train's attitude?





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After the Book:

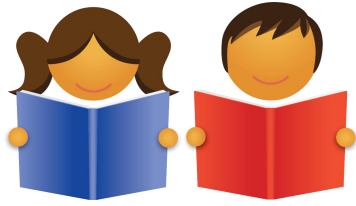
Why was it so hard for the little train to get help?

Ask your kid if they would've stopped and helped the toys?

Talk about having a positive attitude like the little blue train. Share how a positive attitude is helpful. Ask the kid when they have had a positive attitude and to tell you about a time when it was helpful.

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play, too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.





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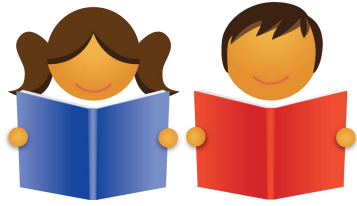
Little Engine Coloring Sheet

Supplies You'll Need

1. Crayons
2. Coloring sheet on the next page.



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The Little Blue Engine made the toys and the people in the valley very happy. Draw a picture of something or someone that makes you really really happy.

