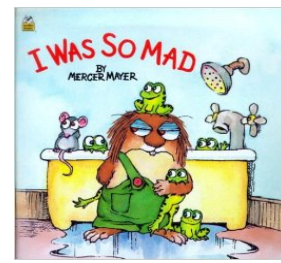




I Was So Mad

By Mercer Mayer



In this cute story, Little Critter shows his anger when he cannot do what he wants. He becomes so mad that he wants to run away but just in the nick of time his mom was able to make him happy again.

Before:

Introduce *I Was So Mad* by telling the children a little but about the book. Focus on the cover and use the illustration to create questions. Asking the children a question about the pictures will help direct their attention to the story. A good example is, "Do you think Little Critter is mad because the frogs are in the bath tub?"

During:

While you are reading, take some time to observe the illustrations and ask questions. Talk about the different things that Little Critter wants to do and reasons why he might not be allowed to do them. Point out any "rare words" and explain them in a way that would make sense for the children.

Rare Words in *I Was So Mad*

Decorate: to make something look more attractive by adding extra items or images to it

Practice: repeated exercise or performance of an activity to maintain expertise in it

Juggling: to continuously toss and catch multiple items in the air

Tickle: to lightly touch or poke a person in a way that causes itchiness and laughter

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What are some activities that Little Critter wanted to do?
- Why do you think he wasn't allowed to play with the doll house? Or in his Grandma's clean sheets?
- What are some activities that Little Critter's parents suggested he do?
- What was he going to do when he didn't get his way?
- Who did he meet at the driveway when he was leaving?
- Did his mom let him go play ball with his friends?



Let's Talk About *I Was So Mad*

In this story there were a lot of things that Little Critter wanted to do but wasn't allowed. Do you think his parents were being fair? How did Little Critter show his anger? Do you think it was a good idea for him to plan to run away? What are some good ways to help calm yourself down when you are angry?

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Make A List of Things That Make You Happy!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.



Magazine Emotion Search!

Materials Needed:

- Magazines
- Construction Paper
- Scissors & Glue & Marker



Look through magazines and cut out pictures of people showing different emotions and glue them onto the construction paper then label them. Try to find as many different emotions as you can!

I Have a Happy Face

Tune: "I'm A Little Teapot"

I have a happy face,
Just watch me grin.
I have a great big smile
From my forehead to my chin.

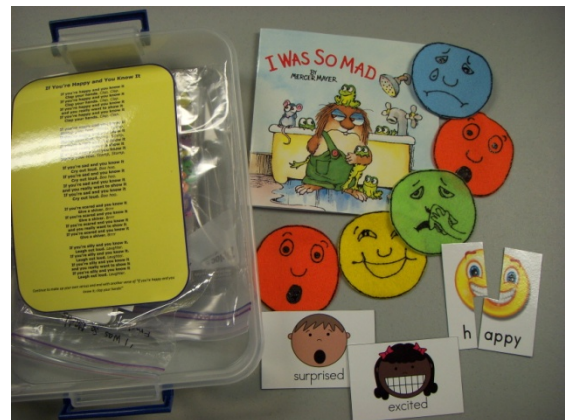
When I'm upset
And things are bad,
Then my happy face
Turns to sad.

By: Jean Warren

(Let your children sing this song as they first make a happy face and then a sad one at the

What's inside the kit ?

- Felt Pieces Emotions/Colour Match
- *If You're Happy and You Know It* Song
- Emotion Picture Match Cards
- Go Fish Feelings
- Emotion Puzzle Cards
- Emotion Word Cards
- Shapes Bingo
- Emotions Alphabet Match (Uppercase)



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