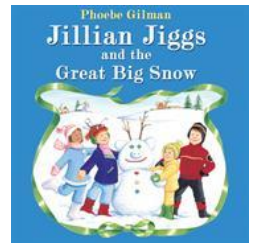




Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow

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In this funny story, the first snow fall happens over night and while Jillian and Rachel are getting ready to go play they notice Jillian has lost her hat. She finds another hat that will do but after an afternoon on Mars almost all her winter clothes disappear!

Before:

Introduce the book by telling the children a little bit about the story. Use the front cover to create questions that will gain the interest of the children. A good example is, "I wonder what kind of snowman that is? Do you see the horns in his head?"

During:

While you are reading make sure to take time to look at the pictures and ask questions. Talk about how Jillian continues to lose her winter wear and how she might be losing the items. Point out any rare words and define them in a way to help the children understand best.

Rare Words in *Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow*

- Brilliant:** very bright and radiant **Vanished:** disappear suddenly and completely
Martian: of or relating to the planet Mars or its supposed inhabitants
Landscape: visible features in the field of snow **Nostrils:** the two external openings of your nose
Cave: a large underground chamber, typically of natural origin, in a hillside or cliff
Faint: weak and dizzy; close to losing consciousness, fall asleep suddenly

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What was it that Jillian could not find?
- What kind of hat did she wear instead?
- What kind of game was Jillian and her friends playing in the snow?
- What did Jillian lose while she was out playing in the snow?
- Where did Jillian tell her mom the missing clothes went?



Let's Talk About *Jillian Jiggs and the Great Big Snow*

In the story, Jillian and her friends play a Martian game in the snow. What kind of games do you like to play in the snow? What activities do you do in the winter time? What do you wear when you go out and play in the snow?

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Winter Scissor Skills Project



Materials:

- children's scissors,
- construction paper -- you can pre-choose the color or let the kids pick their own glue
- paper and printer

Instructions:

Print out a snowflake or mitten template or create one yourself. Cut out strips of paper to make cutting easier for your child. Ask them to cut out shapes or allow them to cut little pieces freehand to glue onto your winter template. Use the cut up pieces to decorate the snowflake or mitten template!

Chubby Snowman Poem

There was a chubby snowman
And he had a carrot nose
(put fist to nose like carrot)

Along came a bunny
(2 fingers up for ears)

And what do you suppose
(hands on hips)

The hungry little bunny
(rub tummy)

Was looking for his lunch
(hand to forehead, looking)

He grabbed that snowman's carrot nose
NIBBLE! NIBBLE! CRUNCH!!
(Pretend to eat carrot)

What's included in the kit



- 10 Little Snowmen Song
- Winter Letter and Word Trace
- Alphabet Snowman Match Board
- Snowflake Number Game
- Snowman Number Puzzle
- Snowman Parts
- Winter Fun Puzzle
- What Starts with the 'S' Sound Game

