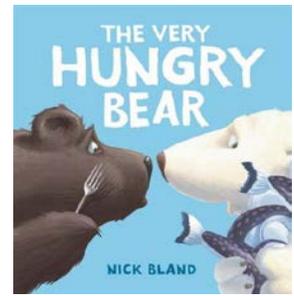


The Very Hungry Bear

By Nick Bland



This story is about a very cranky bear that is not able to catch any fish but one day he makes the greatest catch of all when he reels in a polar bear on a shrinking ice berg!

Before:

Introduce the story to the children by telling them a little bit about it. Use the cover illustration of the story to create a question that will help gain the interest of the children.

- Looks like the very hungry bear has met up with a polar bear that has a lot of fish. I wonder what is going to happen next.

During:

While you are reading continue to take time and look at the illustrations. Use them to create more questions. Talk about how the bears are able to help each other. Point out any rare words and define them in a way that the children will understand best.

Rare Words in *The Very Hungry Bear*

Grumpy: bad-tempered and sulky

Flick: a sudden sharp movement

Incredible: difficult to believe; extraordinary.

Resist: withstand the action or effect of

Discover: find (something or someone) unexpectedly or in the course of a search

Iceberg: a large floating mass of ice detached from a glacier or ice sheet and carried out to sea

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- Why did the polar bear want to give the hungry bear all his fish?
- What is the polar bear allergic too?
- Why couldn't the polar bear live in the cave?
- What did the bear build for the polar bear?
- What did the hungry bear leave for the polar bear when he left the igloo?



Let's Talk About *The Very Hungry Bear*

In the Very Hungry Bear a trade was made so that the polar bear could have a home and the hungry bear could have fish to eat. Have you ever made a trade with someone? Have you ever had to help someone who needed food or somewhere to stay? How can we help people who need food or a place to stay?

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Host a Teddy Bear Picnic

Have a picnic lunch or snack on a blanket with teddy bears.



Toasted Teddy Bears

Cut a piece of toast with a teddy bear cookie cutter. Spread with peanut butter and add raisins or chocolate chips for eyes.



Teddy Grahams

Give children an assortment of Teddy Graham Crackers. Allow them to sort or graph their crackers.



Family Foods

"Slurpy spaghetti,"
Said my friend Betty,
"Is one of my favourite foods,
For as I sit and eat it daily,
It stops my loathsome moods!"

"Nibbling cheese,"
Said cousin Reece,
"Is what mice always do,
For as their teeth bite through it slowly,
It stops them catching flu!"

"Eating Curry,"
Said Uncle Murray,
"Is the thing I like to do,
For as I quickly munch and crunch it,
I sing out VINDALOO!"

What's included in the kit ?

- *So Many Fish* Felt Board
- *Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn* Around Gross Motor Activity
- Bear Shape Match
- Bear Trace Board
- How Many Trees Counting Cards
- Forest Animals Missing Patterns
- Number Clip Cards

