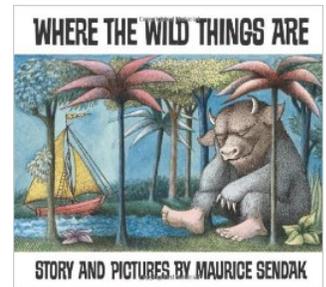




Where The Wild Things Are

By Maurice Sendak



This cute story is all about Max and his great imagination. While he dresses up in his wolf costume his room quickly changes into a forest and he travels by boat to a place where he rules all wild things.

Before:

Before reading, tell the children a little bit about the story. Take a moment to ask questions about the cover of the book. Using “I wonder” is a good way to get the children thinking about what may happen in the story. An example would be, “Look at the big monster on the cover. I wonder if Max is going to meet this monster in the story?”

During:

While you are reading the book look at the illustrations and use them to create questions. Talk about what Max does with the wild things and how he wanted to go back home to where he was loved even though he was the king of the wild things. Point out any “rare words” and define them in a way that will be easiest for the children to understand.

Rare Words in *Where The Wild Things Are*

Private: belonging to or for the use of one particular person or group of people only

Mischief: playful misbehaviour or trouble making of children **Tumbled:** fall suddenly or clumsily.

Gnashed: to grind one’s teeth together; typically as a sign of anger

Tame: to relax an animal so they are not afraid of people

Frightened: Afraid or anxious

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What made Max’s imagination go wild?
- How long did it take Max to get where the wild things are?
- How did Max get to the wild things?
- What was Max to the wild things?
- Did the wild things want Max to go home?



Let’s Talk About *Where the Wild Things Are*

This story focuses on Max’s wild imagination and the adventure he goes on in his room after he puts on the wolf costume. Do you have a favorite costume? What kind of adventures have you gone on with your imagination? Where would you like your next adventure of your imagination to be?

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Felt Monster Dangle Craft

You will need:

Scraps of felt
Chenille stems / pipe cleaners
Pompoms
Embroidery thread and needle
Googly eyes (and /or other craft bits and pieces to decorate your monster)
Toy stuffing or wadding

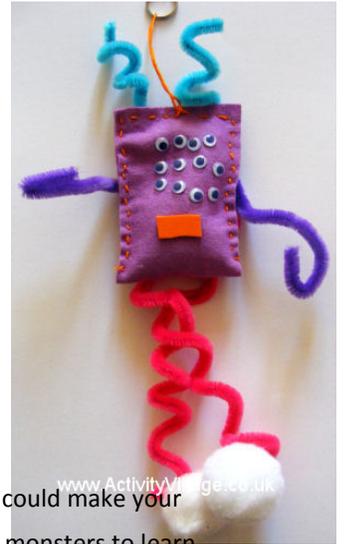
Instructions:

Cut out a long rectangle of felt, to be folded in half for your monster's body. If you prefer, you could make your monster a different shape by cutting out two matching pieces of felt. (You could make a set of monsters to learn the different shapes - square, circle, triangle, rectangle etc)!

Fold the rectangle in half and place a tiny amount of stuffing inside. Starting near the folded edge, sew up the side and half way across the top edge using a simple running stitch. Leave a few inches of thread clear, and remove the needle. Thread the needle again and, starting at the other corner, sew up the other side and across the top to the middle. Pull out the needle and knot the two loose ends together. Twist them together and then connect them to a keychain or book ring.

Use chenille stems to form arms, legs and antennae. Glue or sew to the back of your monster. Wind your chenille stems around a pencil to make them spiral, and attached pompoms to the end of the legs with glue.

Finally, decorate your monsters face!



Every Child Is
an Artist

Imagination

Is the
beginning of
creation!

What's inside the kit ?

- Wild Things Stick Face Puppets
- *There Was a Wise Old Owl* Poem with Felt Owl
- Tree Number Count
- Monster Parts Word Match
- Life Cycle Of An Oak Tree
- Owl Alphabet Match
- Acorn Number Match Game
- Squirrel Sight Words Match

