BOOK LEAGUE CLASSROOM

A Lost Button

WATCH THE READ ALOUD

From Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel · Grades 1 to 3

When you cause trouble for a friend, you can own it and make it right.

BEFORE YOU READ

Ask. Have you ever lost something? Where did you look for it?

Listen for. As we read, listen for each clue about what Toad's button looks like.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does Toad's lost button look like? Name all five things we learn about it. Remembering
2. Why does Toad get angrier each time someone finds a button? Understanding
3. Frog's plan is to go back to every place they walked. What do you do when you lose something? Applying
4. Compare how Frog acts during the search with how Toad acts. What is different? Analyzing
5. Toad gives Frog the jacket covered in buttons. Was that a good way to make things right? Explain your thinking. Evaluating
6. Think of another way Toad could thank Frog for his help. What would you do? Creating

LOOK CLOSER

Find the picture of Toad at home near the end. What is on the floor? What does his body tell you about how he feels in that moment?

WORDS TO KNOW

meadow a field of grass and flowers.

thick wide from front to back. The opposite of thin.

wailed cried out in a loud, unhappy voice.

trouble extra work or worry.

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WRITE ABOUT IT

Write about a time you lost something. Tell where you looked and how it ended.

Grade 1: draw the thing you lost and label it with three describing words.

Grade 3: retell the search from Frog's point of view. What is he thinking each time Toad says no?

MAKE IT: WHOSE BUTTON?

You need. A pile of mixed buttons, or paper buttons in different colors, shapes and sizes.

1. Spread the buttons out. Sort them by color, then by number of holes, then by size.
2. One child secretly chooses a button.
3. The child gives one clue at a time, the way Toad does: its color, its holes, its size, its shape.
4. The group removes buttons that do not match until one is left.

THE STORY IN BRIEF

After a long walk, Toad finds that a button is missing from his jacket. Frog offers to go back to every place they walked. In the meadow, the woods and the river, Frog and two helpful animals find button after button, but each one is wrong in some way. Toad gets angrier each time. At home he finds his own button on the floor. He sews all the found buttons onto his jacket and gives the jacket to Frog.

WHAT THIS BOOK BUILDS

CASEL SKILLS

Relationship Skills. Frog walks the whole route again to help, and Toad finds a way to thank him.

Responsible Decision Making. Toad admits the trouble he caused and acts to make it right.

CHARACTER STRENGTHS

Kindness. Frog offers right away to go back and help his friend search.

Gratitude. Toad turns the buttons into a gift for Frog.

Perseverance. The friends keep looking in one place after another.

COMMON CORE ELA

Grade 1 RL.1.2, RL.1.3, RL.1.7, SL.1.1, W.1.3

Grade 2 RL.2.2, RL.2.3, RL.2.7, SL.2.1, W.2.3

Grade 3 RL.3.2, RL.3.3, RL.3.6, SL.3.1, W.3.3

FIND IT BY

Themes Friendship, Helping, Big Feelings, Making It Right

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