

Reader Guide Surf Soup TV and the Farting Surfboard
Surfing Laughter and Magic-Olympic and Paralympic
Adventure
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Introduction:

Welcome to the Reader Guide for "Surf Soup TV and the Farting Surfboard: Waves of Courage." This guide is packed with fun activities and discussions to help you explore the themes of the book. Let's dive into the adventure and learn about courage, friendship, and the science of surfing!

Activities

1. Science: The Magic of Waves

Activity: Wave in a Bottle

Materials Needed: A clear plastic bottle, water, blue food coloring, vegetable oil, glitter.

Instructions: Fill the bottle halfway with water and add a few drops of blue food coloring. Add some glitter for sparkle. Fill the rest of the bottle with vegetable oil. Seal the bottle tightly.

Discussion: Shake the bottle gently and watch the waves form. Discuss how waves are created in the ocean and how they help surfers ride smoothly.

2. Technology: Build a Simple Surfboard

Activity: Mini Surfboard Design

Materials Needed: Cardboard, scissors, markers, stickers, tape.

Instructions: Cut out a mini surfboard shape from the cardboard. Use markers and stickers to decorate your surfboard.

Discussion: Talk about the materials used to make real surfboards and the technology behind designing surfboards for different types of waves.

3. Engineering: Create a Wave Pool

Activity: DIY Wave Pool

Materials Needed: A large shallow container, water, a small fan, a piece of plastic or cardboard.

Instructions: Fill the container with water. Use the fan to create wind at one end of the container. Place the plastic or cardboard piece in the water and gently move it up and down to create waves.

Discussion: Explore how engineers design wave pools and how they simulate real ocean waves for surfers to practice.

4. Arts: Draw Your Dream Wave

Activity: Surf Art

Materials Needed: Paper, colored pencils, crayons, markers.

Instructions: Draw a picture of your dream wave. Include yourself surfing on it and any magical elements you can imagine.

Discussion: Share your drawings with friends or family. Talk about what makes a wave perfect for surfing and how art can capture the beauty of the ocean.

5. Mathematics: Measure the Waves

Activity: Wave Height Measurement

Materials Needed: A ruler, paper, pencil.

Instructions: Measure the height of different waves in your DIY wave pool. Record your measurements and compare them.

Discussion: Discuss how surfers use math to measure waves and decide when it's safe and fun to surf.

Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) Activities

1. Empathy and Understanding

Activity: Role-Playing

Instructions: Pair up with a friend or family member and role-play a scene from the book where the characters support each other. Discuss how it feels to give and receive support.

Discussion: Talk about the importance of empathy and how we can help friends who are facing challenges.

2. Perseverance and Resilience

Activity: Personal Challenge Journal

Instructions: Keep a journal of a personal challenge you're working on. Write about your progress, setbacks, and how you feel each day.

Discussion: Share your journal with a trusted adult. Discuss how perseverance helps you overcome obstacles and achieve your goals.

3. Friendship and Inclusion

Activity: Friendship Bracelets

Materials Needed: Colorful strings, beads.

Instructions: Make friendship bracelets for your friends.

Choose colors and beads that represent your friendship.

Discussion: Talk about what makes a good friend and how we can include everyone in our activities.

4. Courage and Self-Acceptance

Activity: Courage Collage

Materials Needed: Magazines, scissors, glue, paper.

Instructions: Cut out pictures and words from magazines that represent courage to you. Create a collage on a piece of paper.

Discussion: Share your collage and explain why you chose each image. Discuss how self-acceptance and courage help us face new challenges.

Discussion Questions

How does the magical surfboard help the characters in the story?

What are some ways we can show support to friends with disabilities?

Why is it important to never give up on our dreams, even when things get tough?

How can we practice inclusion in our everyday lives?

What did you learn about the science of waves and surfing from this story?

Conclusion:

Thank you for exploring "Surf Soup TV and the Farting Surfboard: Waves of Courage" with us! We hope you enjoyed the activities and discussions. Remember, the most important part of any adventure is the friends you make and the lessons you learn along the way.