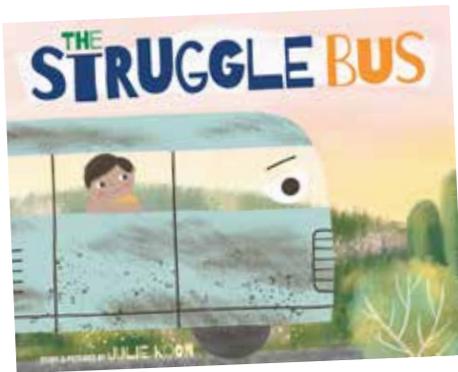


THE STRUGGLE BUS

Reader's Guide



About the Book

All kids experience challenges and difficulties in their lives. In *The Struggle Bus*, a boy becomes so frustrated trying to climb a mountain that he wants to give up. Along comes the Struggle Bus to take him on a journey, where he learns to face his fears and overcome every challenge that comes his way.

Before Reading

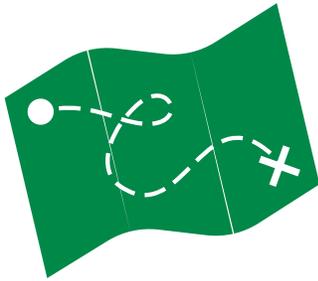
Close your eyes and think about a challenge that you have overcome. What did it feel like in the beginning? What did it feel like in the middle? What did it feel like after you succeeded?

Discussion Questions

- 1 In the beginning of the story, the boy becomes so frustrated that he wants to quit. Has this ever happened to you? What did you do?
- 2 When the boy climbs on the Struggle Bus, he takes some time to let his feelings out. When you are upset, how do you let your feelings out? How do you feel afterwards?
- 3 When the Struggle Bus breaks down, his friends come to help him. Who is someone you can talk to when things are hard?
- 4 What does the word persevere mean? How have you persevered?
- 5 If you could take a ride on the Struggle Bus, where would it take you?
- 6 At the end of the story, the boy celebrates his success. How do you celebrate when you have worked hard?

Activities

Make a card for someone you know who is struggling.



Draw a map of a journey you might take on the Struggle Bus. What challenges would you face? How might you overcome them?

Write encouraging messages or draw pictures on sticky notes and place them around your house to find later.



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