

WISCONSIN BOOKWORMS

Activity Sheet



“Chicken in Mittens”

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When you have a pair of warm mittens and a great imagination, a snowy day is an invitation for friends to explore and have fun. So Zoey the daring chicken and her friend Sam the loyal pig are headed to the North Pole!

Before you read this book: Ask the children “If you and your friends were going to explore, where would you take them?” Show the cover of the book. Ask “Where do you think Zoey the Chicken is taking her friend Sam the Pig to explore?” Let’s read and find out.

While you read this book: Here are some questions to ask as you turn the pages:

- Where do Zoey and Sam live? Where do you live?
- What season do you think it is? How do you know?
- If you had mittens, where would you wear them? Where did Zoey and Sam wear their mittens?
- What’s happening to Sam’s mitten as he follows Zoey?
- A “Yeti” is an imaginary creature. Some people call it the abominable snowman. What do you think Zoey and Sam really found while they were exploring?
- How did Zoey and Sam feel when they found their North Pole?

After you read this book: Let’s see if you can show me what Zoey and Sam did to get to the North Pole:

- First, they *walked* out of the barn (walk around the room).
- Then they *wiggled* under the fence (lay on bellies and wiggle).
- Sam *ran* to catch up to Zoey (run in place).
- They *climbed* up the hill (lean forward, move arms back & forth).
- Sam was a *sled* for Zoey to ride down the hill (lay on belly & shout “yahoo”).
- Finally, they got to their North Pole and did a happy *dance* (dance!).

Try this at home:

- Take a walk together to explore your neighborhood or a park. If it’s snowy, you can walk for a while and then follow your footprints back home. If it’s not snowy, you could use a ball of string or yarn tied to your door, go for a walk, and then follow the string back again.
- Ask your child “Since most of us don’t use string or yarn to explore, how do people find their way to new places and home again now?” (Maps, computer, GPS, phone)
- Ask your child “Zoey the Chicken and Sam the Pig are good friends who like to explore together. What do you like to do with your friends?”
- Ask your child “Sometimes it’s too snowy or too cold to go to school. What’s your favorite thing to do on a cold, winter day?”