

Eric Finds A Way

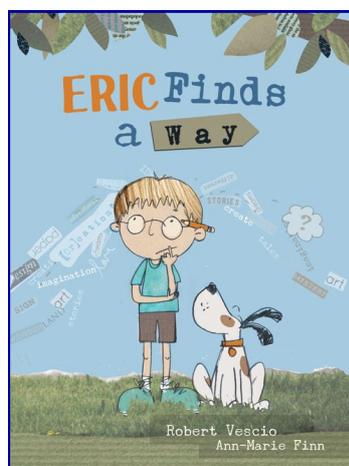
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Eric loves to read. He has a towering bookshelf brimming with stories of strange and wonderful worlds. But... If only there were a way to actually get to these magical places. He just can't seem to find the right words and his drawings never look quite right - not like his books at all! How will Eric find a way?



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Self-expression
- Courage
- Creativity

Discussion Questions & Activities:

Speaking and Listening

- What does it mean to be creative? Where do you find creativity?
- Do you like art? How does art make you feel? Where do you get your ideas?
- Can you name other forms of art besides drawing and painting?
- How do you feel when things seem difficult?
- Is there a right way or a wrong way to do art?

Creating

- Spark creativity by going for a walk outside. Let the children see the world around them. Talk to them about the many colours and details all around. Come back to the classroom and ask the students to draw what they remember seeing.
- Have students experiment with using different media to create a sign post - paper, cardboard, crayons, pencils, paint, etc. Ask the students what a sign post is. Brainstorm a theme for the sign post i.e. space, seasons, or anti-bullying.
- Encourage students to try new ways of doing things. Give them the theme: "If I could be anywhere, I would be ...". Have the students make their project unique by giving them access to a number of craft materials: i.e. clay, paper, cardboard, paints, pencils. Explain to them 'There is only your way.'
- Let the students use everyday objects to create, i.e. paint with a ball dipped in paint, or a turn a sock into a puppet, or turn a table upside down and make it a boat.
- Have the students reflect upon their own creativity. Why are they creative? (Use the enclosed mirror template to draw inside).

