



The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Companion Reading Guide

About the Book

The Snowy Day is a timeless classic that follows the adventures of Pete, a boy who sees wonder in the world around him. In the story, Pete wakes up to a winter wonderland and begins to explore the outdoors while using his imagination to have fun. Parents are encouraged to engage children in this story by asking questions and participating in the optional crafts below.

Themes Throughout The Story

Adventure — Everywhere he goes, Peter finds adventure in his environment. Peter participates in various activities that allow him to interact with the outdoors in creative ways.

Imagination — Peter uses found objects that help him learn more about his environment. Making different footprints in the snow and using a stick to draw lines are two examples of Peter using his imagination to play in the snow.

Discussion Topics For Reading

- Ask what your child likes about snow. Are there any activities that they enjoy doing most when it snows?
- What do you think happened to the snowball Peter left in his pocket? What ways could you try to keep a snowball from melting inside?
- How would you describe snow to someone who has not seen it?
- When Peter went out into the snow, what were some of the things he did to have fun?

Activity Ideas

- Make paper snowflakes together:
<https://kinderart.com/art-lessons/seasons/winter/paper-snowflakes/>
- Make a paper snowman together:
<https://www.firefliesandmudpies.com/paper-snowman-art/>
- Play in the snow together!