



A Creature Was Stirring

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Activity Guide

A CREATURE WAS STIRRING

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Ages: All Ages

Themes: Christmas, Bedtime, Fantasy

Total playing time: Approximately 25 minutes

SUMMARY

T'was the night before Christmas, and in this great house, the creature who stirred was a boy, not a mouse. And while upstairs his parents were dreaming and snoring, with Santa so close, sleep seemed pretty boring.

OBJECTIVES

- Students will make ASL - image - text connections.
- Students will experience the holiday magic of Santa Claus.
- Students will expand their ASL vocabulary by 30 new signs.
- Students will learn that rhyming words don't always look the same in ASL.

BEFORE VIEWING DISCUSSION

- Discuss the spirit of Christmas and other traditional winter holidays?
- What holidays do the children celebrate?
- What is their favorite holiday?

AFTER VIEWING ACTIVITIES

Story Retention:

- Step through the 10-question quiz independently or in a group gaining consensus on the right answers.
- Have young readers describe their favorite scenes on the video and include 1 or more signs from that scene in their explanation.

- Why was the boy afraid that Santa Claus would see him at the beginning of the story?
- What did the boy do when he saw Santa Claus at the end of the story?
- Ask the students what additional signs they learned while watching the story.
- Sit in a circle and have each student demonstrate a sign. Ask the other students to copy and guess what sign it is.

Spelling Practice:

- Simultaneously voice and sign various words from the story or vocabulary list while the students spell the signed word.

Life experience:

- Have you stayed awake to try and see Santa Claus?
- Did you see him?
- Do you get presents for Christmas?
- Do you leave a snack for Santa and his reindeer?
- What other holidays do you celebrate?

Other:

- Complete all workbook activities

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A POCKET FOR CORDUROY, by Don Freeman

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THE STORY OF FERDINAND, by Munro Leaf, illustrated by Robert Lawson.

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Flash Cards

Directions: Cut out flash cards and have children practice signing the words. They might need to review the DVD vocabulary.

BED / DEAD

ELF / MYSELF

CARE / THERE

HOUSE / MOUSE

COULD / GOOD

KNEW / FLEW

CUPID / STUPID

NOW / ALLOWED

DO / TOO

WALL / ALL

OUTSIDE / RIDE

REAL / FEEL

SEE / ME

SIGHT / MIGHT

WAY / SLEIGH

Complete the sentences

Directions: Complete the sentences. If the students need help challenge them by demonstrating the proper sign before showing them the written word. All words used are from the vocabulary/flashcard list.

1. One creature was stirring, that creature was _____.
2. T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the _____ not a creature was stirring, not even a _____.
3. And I'm in for it _____. I've been naught twice. To look's not _____.
4. They're moving this _____. St. Nicholas, toys, reindeer, and _____.
5. Okay, try to calm down and climb back in _____. Don't look like you're breathing.... Pretend that you're _____!
6. His sleigh's just _____! Wow, look at that thing. Oh man, what a _____!
7. That command they all _____? He shouted it once and this thing really _____.

Word Scramble

Directions: Unscramble the words below. To help the students you might consider demonstrating the proper sign before showing the correctly spelled word.

1. edb: _____

2. crea: _____

3. oto: _____

4. fel: _____

5. newk: _____ - _

6. dire: _____

7. ghist: _____

8. eilghs: _____

9. oalldew: _____

10. ogunhe: _____

Word Cross

Directions: Find the words hidden in the grids below. The list of words hidden is listed to the left of each grid. The first grid is easier.

CLEVER
CRY
FORGET
GILLS
NONE
SALTY
SAND
SWEET
TEARS
TRUST

R	U	W	L	S	G	Y	S	M	M
N	E	V	L	A	I	T	Y	K	Q
A	N	V	L	N	L	L	Y	P	I
E	I	O	E	D	L	A	R	Y	T
F	H	L	N	L	S	S	C	L	E
S	O	E	G	E	C	B	J	O	E
Y	R	R	L	A	I	T	Z	S	W
R	V	A	G	V	D	M	G	H	S
X	E	Q	E	E	T	R	U	S	T
C	Z	S	V	T	T	F	U	A	Z

BANANAS
BREAKFAST
CREAM
DINNER
ENOUGH
ENTRANCE
FANCY
FAVORITE
FLAVORS
FRENCH
GORILLA
ICE
LOAF
LUNCH
MISSING
PIZZA
SCENT
SMELL
TASTE
TIRED
ZOO

F	B	N	C	V	B	Y	F	G	Z	V	A	I	N	L
R	A	Z	Z	I	P	L	T	O	N	C	E	C	I	L
E	N	V	V	L	A	O	O	D	T	I	R	E	D	E
N	A	R	O	V	M	B	Y	M	Q	I	S	H	K	M
N	N	P	O	R	A	L	L	I	R	O	G	S	L	S
I	A	R	V	G	I	H	F	R	T	U	X	U	I	T
D	S	A	D	S	K	T	V	L	O	N	N	B	S	M
C	F	X	F	U	H	Q	E	N	O	C	E	A	T	B
H	R	A	H	A	S	Z	E	I	H	A	F	C	W	T
E	N	T	R	A	N	C	E	E	C	K	F	R	S	Q
H	Q	A	M	E	X	C	T	X	A	Y	T	E	S	E
I	H	J	S	N	J	S	Y	E	D	K	N	A	O	M
X	W	H	D	P	A	X	R	Z	Y	Z	U	M	L	L
B	A	O	D	T	F	B	B	B	S	D	L	W	T	C
V	G	H	F	R	E	N	C	H	N	M	Q	F	S	C

Draw by Numbers

