

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!



WHAT DO YOU SEE?

MATERIALS:



MR. TAXI or MR. TAXI's WILD RIDE!



Safety magnifying glass for kids

ACTIVITY:

You can do this activity anytime and anywhere! Simply let the child use a magnifying glass to explore the pages of the book! Allow them to examine the characters' faces, the animals, trees, flowers, insects, and more...and share their observations with you or others!

If you need help getting the activity started, ask things like, "Can you find something green?" or "Can you find something that flies?" Once your child gets into the activity, give them time to explain what they see. Take time to build their vocabulary by telling them the exact word for what they find.

Here's an example:

Bird	(Good)
Red bird	(Even better)
Cardinal	(Great!)
Flying red cardinal	(AWESOME!)

While they are exploring, ask them the **Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How** questions. Allow them time to come up with their own ideas. (No right answers here, RIGHT?)

Here's an example:

What do you see? **Where** do you think they are going? **Why** do you think they are doing that? **How** do you think they feel? **What** about them makes you think that way? **Who** do you see nearby? If you were going to the park, **when** would you like to go?

WHAT CHILDREN LEARN:

Examining allows children to slow down, make observations, ask questions, and form theories about what they see. This activity builds language and social-emotional development. It allows them to connect personally with the characters too! Asking the 5-W questions and How builds comprehension skills that are crucial to reading, writing, and understanding.