

Storytime Suggestions for *Stanley's Wild Ride*

Stanley's Wild Ride is recommended for ages 3–7.

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative and fun by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character. It is always a good idea to organize your props and rehearse your storytime actions in advance. Don't forget to store all of your props in a bin for next time.

You might include

- a skateboard (miniature or life-size)
- plastic bones
- a dog leash
- a miniature-size police car
- a miniature-size garbage can



Activity Materials

Before storytime, collect the following materials and organize an activity area where your group can work. Make sure to store your activity materials in a separate bin from the storytime props.

You will need

- photocopies of the reverse activity page
- pencils, different colored markers and pencil crayons
- rulers
- sheets of white paper

Before You Read the Story

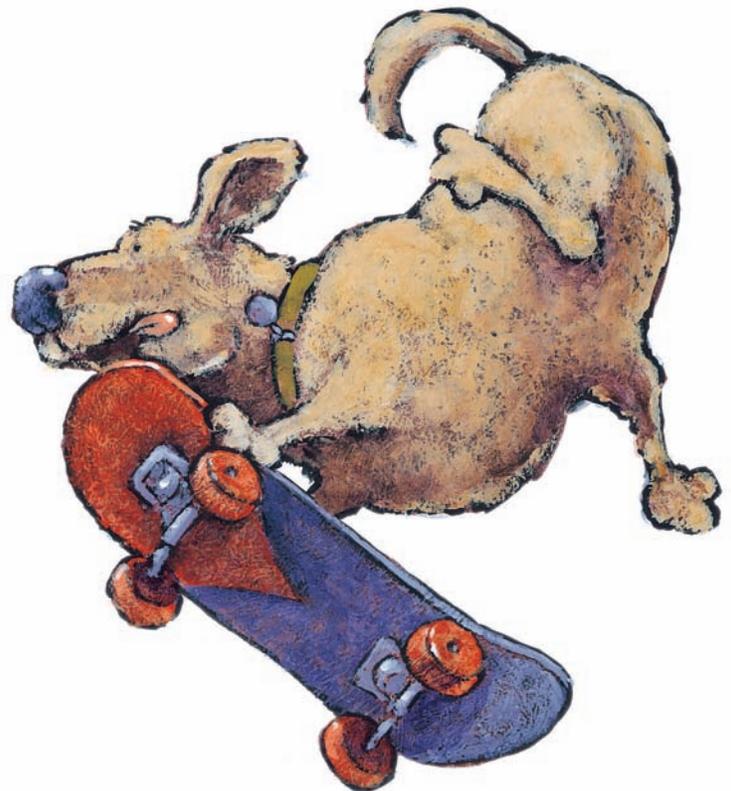
ASK your group to answer the following questions: What is your favorite thing to ride? (skateboard, bike, wagon, scooter, etc.) Why? What types of amusement park rides do you like to go on? Why?

SHOW your group how to act out some of the escape actions the dogs perform in the story. For example, squeeze, wiggle and dig. Ask your group to act out these actions during storytime.

After You Read the Story

Keep the fun going by asking your group to participate in the following activity.

Hand out a copy of the activity page to each person in your group, and ask them to draw a map of their neighborhood. Explain to your group that the map should include their house, labels of important streets, landmarks in their neighborhood and fun routes that will lead them to a friend's house, to school, to the park, etc.



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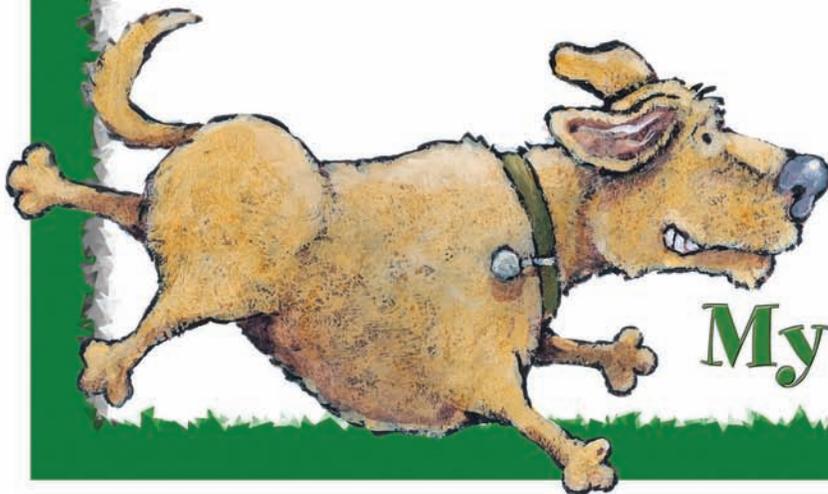
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Draw a Map of Your Neighborhood

The starting point of your map should be your house. Don't forget to include labels of important streets, landmarks and fun paths that will lead you to a friend's house, school, the park, etc. When you are finished, share your map with your friends and family.



My Neighborhood