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INTRODUCTION

Where can young listeners and readers encounter wild horses, a wolf in disguise, a little girl rescued by a dog, ducklings helped across a street by a policeman, magic pebbles, wild things, and much more? Picture books, of course! *Caldecott Fun* provides poems, stories, games, songs, and word searches to accompany the sharing of picture books that have won the Caldecott Medal, awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children for the most outstanding picture book. Children's librarians, teachers, and anyone doing programming for children in preschool through the elementary grades will find this book an invaluable and *fun* introduction to forty Caldecott Medal winners, each with a participation poem, song, or activity. Activities include retelling the tale with story strips, completing word searches, and creating art and crafts, for which patterns are provided.

Picture books chosen from the long list of winners for inclusion in *Caldecott Fun* are titles that have withstood the test of time and newer winners that are easily obtainable. Whether these tales are enjoyed in the children's room of the public library or in a school setting, the poems, songs, and activities for each tale are designed to extend enjoyment and understanding of the story.

Why read aloud? Children cannot read what they have not heard. The brain is a language storehouse that stores the patterns of written language through hearing the language read aloud. Numerous studies indicate that a key variable in preschool activities that makes a difference in future academic success is listening to stories! *Caldecott Fun* provides activities for sharing the best of the best.

Outstanding picture books can help shape great minds. Quality literature can counterbalance the often mediocre content offered to children in the media and awaken in them the unknown, allowing for a sense of wonder. Watch for the child who bursts with sudden laughter at subtle humor or irony when you are reading aloud. Watch for the brimming of tears of compassion for the human condition. Watch for the spark of recognition of an underlying profound truth beneath a simple tale.

As a professor of children's literature for more than forty years and former director of the Lindenwood University Laboratory School for Gifted Children, I have worked with many very bright children who had never been read to, who had never known the delight and wonder waiting for them in imaginative picture books. Inspired picture books can help children to understand real humanity, nobility of character, and the vitality of caring for fellow human beings. The talented storyteller Isaac Bashevis Singer said, "Kindness, I've discovered, is everything in life."

The ultimate goal of *Caldecott Fun* is to help librarians, teachers, parents, and caregivers to bring together the minds, spirits, and hearts of children with the finest in children's literature to stimulate the imagination and foster a lifelong love affair with books.

ARROW TO THE SUN

By Gerald McDermott

Caldecott Medal Winner 1975

CATCH THE CLUE

Use the following clues to help students discover the mystery word. A player will select a number from one to ten. The leader reads the clue, and the player tries to guess the word. If the guess is not correct, the next player chooses another number, is read that clue, and tries to the guess the mystery word. The game continues until the mystery word is guessed or all clues are read.

1. You can do it alone.
2. You can do it with someone.
3. You can wear special shoes to do it.
4. Some people wear costumes to do it.
5. Some are slow, and some are fast.
6. Children do it.
7. Mothers and fathers both do it.
8. You can take lessons to learn it.
9. It was very important to the Pueblo people.
10. You need a beat.

WORD SEARCH

f l n n n l l r f
s a u w o r r a r
i s l b n e t p o
g n i n t h g i l
s a o e e n r n b
s k n r n e e e e
f e s i i s f g u
e s e f t s n l p
i l a b e s s b o

Words to find:

arrow

father

bees

sun

lions

lightning

pueblo

snakes

fire

THE BIGGEST BEAR

By Lynd Ward

Caldecott Medal Winner 1953

FIND SOMEONE WHO . . .

Discover what you have in common with the people, places, and events in *The Biggest Bear*. See which members of your group can answer the questions that follow. A name can be used only once. The winner is the player who completes the questions first. Can be done aloud as a group with children raising their hands.

Who . . .

has visited or lived on a farm? _____

has seen a real bear? _____

has played in a barn? _____

has a first name that begins with the letter J? _____

has had a wild animal as a pet? _____

has visited a zoo? _____

can say 3 words that rhyme with BEAR? _____

has walked in the woods? _____

ECHO READING

Ask the children to read each phrase after you, echoing you line by line, then read each full passage together.

Echo: The other day
Johnny found a bear
out in the woods
a way out there.

Together: *The other day Johnny found a bear out in the woods a way out there.*

Echo: He wanted a bear
that was big and tall,
but what he found
was one quite small.

Together: *He wanted a bear that was big and tall, but what he found was one quite small.*

Echo: The bear was small,
that's very true,
but as time passed,
it grew and grew.

Together: *The bear was small, that's very true, but as time passed, it grew and grew.*

Echo: The bear grew bigger
day by day.
The neighbors said,
"It cannot stay!"

Together: *The bear grew bigger day by day. The neighbors said, "It cannot stay!"*

Leader: Why would a big bear not be a good pet?
What should Johnny do now?
Let's read the story and find out.

STORY STRIPS

Cut the story strips apart. Give one strip each to child or group. Have the children line up in the correct order to tell the story by reading their strips.

1. He went hunting and came back with a small bear.

2. Johnny took it to the woods.

3. It started to cause lots of trouble for the valley.

4. Johnny wanted a bearskin on the side of his barn.

5. They took the bear to the zoo.

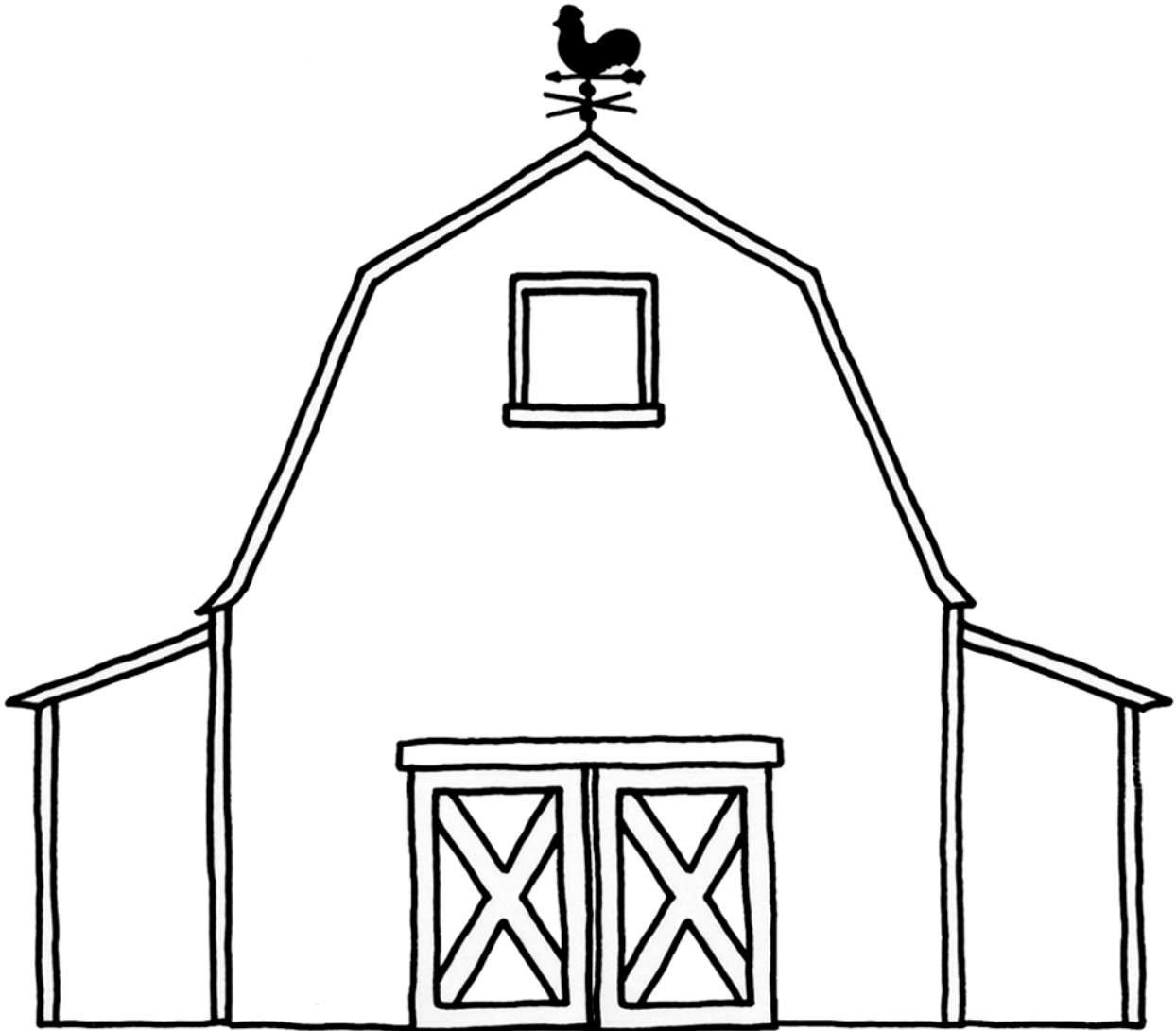
6. Now Johnny could visit him whenever he wanted.

7. Johnny and his bear got caught in a bear trap.

8. The bear kept coming back.

ART ACTIVITY

Here is a drawing of Johnny's barn. Since he is not going to decorate the barn by hanging a bearskin, how could Johnny decorate his barn so that all the neighbors would want one just like it?



WORD SEARCH

o s n l a s y
o r b a k n e
f l c c n t l
l j i h i b l
a h o a a a a
c j b e a r v
a i s l a n d

Words to find:

Johnny

orchard

chicks

barn

calf

island

bear

bait

valley

ANSWER KEY

Arrow to the Sun

Catch the Clue: The secret word is DANCE.

The Biggest Bear

Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 1, 3, 2, 8, 7, 5, 6.

Cinderella, or the Little Glass Slipper

Story Strips: The correct order is 5, 8, 3, 7, 1, 6, 4, 2.

Fables

Name That Fable: 1. The Mouse at the Seashore; 2. The Hippopotamus at Dinner; 3. The Young Rooster; 4. The Elephant and His Son; 5. The Camel Dances. Story Strips: The correct order is 5, 1, 3, 8, 4, 7, 6, 2.

Flotsam

Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 5, 2, 6, 7, 8, 3, 1.

The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship

Story Strips: The correct order is 3, 5, 8, 4, 1, 2, 6, 7.

The Funny Little Woman

Story Strips: The correct order is 3, 5, 1, 6, 8, 2, 4, 7.

The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses

Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 7, 1, 8, 6, 2, 5, 3.

Grandfather's Journey

Story Strips: The correct order is 2, 6, 3, 8, 1, 5, 7, 4. Quiz Show: 1. C; 2. C; 3. C; 4. A; 5. B; 6. B; 7. A; 8. B.

The Hello, Goodbye Window

Story Strips: The correct order is 5, 1, 7, 3, 8, 2, 4, 6.

Hey, Al

Poetry Activity: The missing words are 1. broom; 2. poor; 3. day; 4. long; 5. beaks; 6. escape; 7. ocean; 8. sad; 9. end. Story Strips: The correct order is 5, 2, 6, 1, 4, 3, 8, 7.

The House in the Night

Story Strips: The correct order is 2, 6, 8, 3, 7, 5, 1, 4.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Story Strips: The correct order is 5, 1, 6, 3, 8, 4, 7, 2.

Joseph Had a Little Overcoat

Story Strips: The correct order is 3, 1, 7, 2, 4, 6, 5, 8.

Jumanji

Story Strips: The correct order is 3, 4, 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 7.

Kitten's First Full Moon

Story Strips: The correct order is 5, 8, 1, 3, 2, 6, 7, 4.

The Lion and the Mouse

Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 7, 6, 1, 5, 3, 2, 8.

The Little House

Poetry Activity: The missing words are 1. hill; 2. snow; 3. road; 4. city; 5. away; 6. tall; 7. hill.

Story Strips: The correct order is 3, 1, 6, 8, 4, 2, 5, 7.

The Little Island

Song Activity 1: The missing words are 1. play; 2. sea; 3. shore; 4. eggs; 5. friend.

Story Strips: The correct order is 2, 5, 8, 1, 4, 7, 3, 6.

Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China

Story Strips: The correct order is 1, 7, 3, 8, 5, 2, 4, 6.

Madeline's Rescue

Poetry Activity: The missing words are 1. shine; 2. fell; 3. cheered; 4. pet 5. fight; 6. share; 7. away;

8. allowed; 9. outside; 10. lamp; 11. bed; 12. fight ; 13. end. Story Strips: The correct order is .3, 1, 8, 2, 7, 4, 6, 5

Make Way for Ducklings

Song Activity: The missing words are 1. home; 2. woods; 3. pond; 4. water; 5. line; 6. street.

Story Strips: The correct order is 3, 7, 1, 8, 5, 6, 2, 4.

The Man Who Walked between the Towers

Story Strips: The correct order is 1, 4, 2, 6, 7, 8, 5, 3.

Many Moons

Story Strips: The correct order is 7, 10, 3, 9, 5, 8, 1, 6, 4, 2.

Mirette on the High Wire

Poetry Activity: Use your imagination for 1–3; 4. wire; 5. bear; 6. clown; 7. horse; 8. lion.

Story Strips: The correct order is 6, 3, 5, 1, 2, 7, 4, 8.

My Friend Rabbit

Song Activity: The missing words are 1. mouse; 2. tree; 3. worry; 4. fell; 5. friend. Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 1, 3, 6, 5, 8, 7, 2.

Officer Buckle and Gloria

Song Activity: The missing words are 1. dog/cat/goat; 2. TIPS; 3. Hog.

Story Strips: The correct order is 2, 4, 8, 6, 1, 7, 3, 5.

Owl Moon

Story Strips: The correct order is 5, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 8, 7.

Ox-Cart Man

Story Strips: The correct order is 3, 5, 1, 8, 7, 2, 6, 4.

The Polar Express

Story Strips: The correct order is 3, 4, 2, 6, 8, 7, 1, 5.

Rapunzel

Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 1, 7, 2, 6, 3, 8, 5.

A Sick Day for Amos McGee

Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 6, 1, 7, 3, 8, 2, 5.

Smoky Night

Story Strips: The correct order is 5, 1, 2, 8, 2, 4, 3, 7, 6.

Snowflake Bentley

Poetry Activity: The missing words are 1. Bentley; 2. snowflakes; 3. molecules; 4. branches; 5. designs; 6. crystals; 7. picture. Story Strips: The correct order is 7, 1, 3, 6, 8, 4, 2, 5.

The Snowy Day

Story Strips: The correct order is 2, 5, 4, 3, 7, 6, 1, 8.

So You Want to Be President?

Book Trivia: 1. George H. W. Bush; 2. John Adams; 3. William Howard Taft; 4. Theodore Roosevelt; 5. Benjamin Harrison; 6. Theodore Roosevelt; 7. John Quincy Adams; 8. Ulysses Grant; 9. Andrew Johnson.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble

Poetry Activity: The missing words are 1. stamps; 2. dishes; 3. cars; 4. rocks.

Story Strips: The correct order is 6, 1, 3, 8, 2, 7, 5, 4.

This Is Not My Hat

Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 9, 2, 10, 6, 8, 5, 1, 3, 7.

Where the Wild Things Are

Song Activity: The rhyming words are boat, wild, Max, crown, supper.

Story Strips: The correct order is 7, 3, 1, 4, 2, 8, 6, 5.

White Snow, Bright Snow

Song Activity: The missing words are 1. snowflakes; 2. ground; 3. found; 4. day; 5. play; snow; sow.

Story Strips: The correct order is 4, 6, 1, 3, 5, 2, 7, 8. Writing activity: A sunny rabbit; A runny rabbit.

Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears

Story Strips: The correct order is 2, 8, 7, 5, 1, 4, 3, 6.

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