

The Pigeon Has Feelings, Too!

by Mo Willems

The Pigeon and the bus driver are at it again as Pigeon refuses to do what the bus driver tells him in this quick read about emotions.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *The bus driver is pretty smart. He got Pigeon to do what he wanted by telling him he didn't have to do it!* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder why Pigeon has a mad-face on?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations and ask questions.

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- Do you think the bus driver really wants to see Pigeon's happy face or is he just trying to tell him what to do?
- Does it make you mad when your parents tell you what to do?
- In the end, the Pigeon did show his happy face which is what the bus driver asked him to do in the beginning. I think the Pigeon was pretty silly to get mad and then sad.

Do

Act It Out

Visit Mo Willem's site at www.pigeonpresents.com for activities and information related to all of his titles. Under Grown Up Stuff, you will find an activity called Learn to Draw the Pigeon in The Pigeon Teacher's Guide where you can download a sheet with step-by-step instructions for drawing the pigeon from www.hyperionbooksforchildren.com. You could also draw the outline of the Pigeon yourself, make copies and then have the children draw in the missing parts (eye, beak, legs) and finish by coloring.

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