

How Do Dinosaurs Get Well?

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Joel Says

Before the book is read, ask...

What is a dinosaur? Are there real dinosaurs around today?

Stop during the reading and ask...

Can you name two rhyming words you hear?

After reading the book, ask...

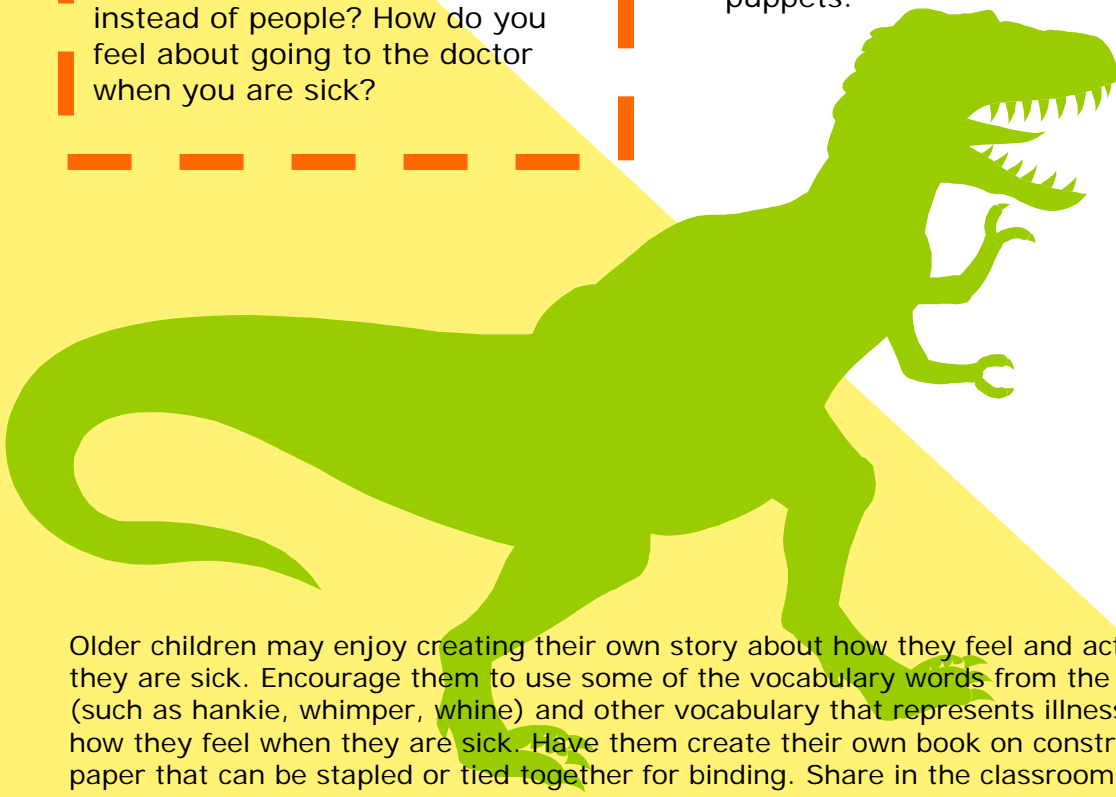
Do you act like the bad dinosaur or the good dinosaur when you get sick? Why do you think the author used dinosaurs in the book instead of people? How do you feel about going to the doctor when you are sick?

Materials

Tube socks, colored markers, colored felt pieces and tacky glue, construction paper, pencils and crayons.

Activities

Lead children in making sock puppets for the dinosaur by using the tube socks and markers. Show them how to use construction paper to cut out scales and other decorations and glue them to the "dinosaur." Provide ready-made puppets or home-made sock puppets to represent the parents and doctors in the book. Then act out the story with the children and their dinosaur puppets.



Older children may enjoy creating their own story about how they feel and act when they are sick. Encourage them to use some of the vocabulary words from the book (such as hankie, whimper, whine) and other vocabulary that represents illness and how they feel when they are sick. Have them create their own book on construction paper that can be stapled or tied together for binding. Share in the classroom book nook.