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Book Tip Sheet

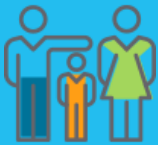
Something Wonderful

Raewyn Caisley and Karen Blair

This is a great story about energy, creativity and imagination of children. One of the best parts about reading is feeling like you know or understand the characters. As you read, encourage your child to think of a time they've done or created something like Sam does. These connections help to build your child's natural comprehension skills.



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Look at the cover and ask your child where they think this story is set? Where does it look like the child is? How can they tell?
- ▶ Open the book to the title page. See if your child can make any connections to themselves from this picture. You might like to ask, "What is the boy doing?" "Have you ever done this before?"

WHILE READING...



- ▶ As you read your child may have 'aha' moments like "you say that" or "I do that too". These are great moments to stop and discuss.
- ▶ When Sam is tinkering in the garage, ask your child to guess what he is making or doing. What did your child think about his invention?

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Use boxes or other recyclable materials you have at home to get creative and see what you can build or create. Enjoy playing with your invention then reusing the materials to make something new in a few days.
- ▶ Could you visit a children's farm or something similar? Farms have lots of interesting things to see and do and are great family outings for children of all ages.

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