

# The CREATURE of HABIT tries his best STORYTIME ACTIVITIES



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**ABOUT THE BOOK** On the island of Habit, there lived a very big creature who was about to go on the ride of his life!

While he'd recently learned to try new things, the very big creature had also learned that he wasn't always very good at everything. It turned out trying was hard! The kind of hard that made him stomp his feet and roar his biggest roar . . . and sometimes even feel like quitting. And learning to ride a bike? That was really hard—every time he tried, he wobbled and fell right off.

But the very big creature wouldn't give up. He might not ever be the best at riding a bike, but maybe—just maybe—he could be the best at trying to ride one. After all, trying was a lot like sticking with something—and he was already an expert at that!



# Discussion Questions for Before and After Reading

## **B**EFORE STARTING THE STORY

Ask readers the following questions. Have you ever tried something new? What was it? Were you good at it right away or did you have to practice?

## **A**FTER THE STORY

Now that the very big creature can ride a bike, ask readers what they think he should try to learn next!





# Make Your Own Paper Boat

The very small creature tries to teach the very big creature how to make a paper boat so they can set off on a new adventure. Make your own paper boat following the instructions below!

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:** An 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper or newspaper

1. Take a piece of paper and place it in front of you with the shorter side at the top. Fold the paper in half from top to bottom.
2. Fold left to right to find the center and reopen. Bring the top two corners together to the middle, forming a point, and crease.
3. Fold the top flap at the bottom of the paper up; turn over and fold the other flap up. Fold the triangle tabs in over each other so you have a triangle.
4. Pop open the center like a hat, push the pointed sides to meet, and crease down so that you now have a square.
5. With the opening facing you, fold the top layer up to meet the other point. Turn the paper over and repeat.
6. Gently pull apart the top two points while pushing out with your fingers to form the bottom of the boat.
7. Reinforce corners with clear tape, and also put tape around the bottom to make your boat seaworthy (waterproof).



# Draw Your Own Bicycle!

Show readers the bicycles on the end papers for *The Creature of Habit Tries His Best*. Ask readers to design their own bicycle below. They should add as much detail as they would like, including designing their own helmet.

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