

The Bad Guys Discussion Guide

Characters

- Mr. Wolf – leader of The Good Guys club
- Mr. Snake
- Mr. Piranha
- Mr. Shark

Opener Questions

- Do you like cupcakes- if so, what flavor is your favorite? If not, what other treat do you enjoy?
- Which of the Bad Guys do you think is the scariest? Why?

Discussion Questions

- What stories have you read in which a wolf is the villain/bad guy?
- Who is the girl sitting at the table with Mr. Wolf? p.13
- How did Mr. Wolf get the girl to stay and sit with him instead of running away?
- Why do you think the author has included rap sheets for the characters?
- Did you notice anything interesting about how the text appears in this book? Why does it look different in various places (e.g. bigger, messier style)?
- How else does the author/illustrator express how the characters are feeling?
- Do the other bad guys want to be good? Do they seem impressed with Mr. Wolf's idea?
p.48, 55
- Why do you think the Bad Guys are all wearing black suits? p.56
- Why does the cat freak out when the Bad Guys try to rescue it? p. 76
- How does the cat rescue go? p. 90
- Would you let the Bad Guys rescue you? Do they seem trustworthy?
- How do you know they are bad?
- Are the dogs happy and relieved to be freed by the Bad Guys? Why? P.128
- Which character was your favorite? Why?
- What was your favorite part of the story? Why?
- What character/animal would you have join the Bad Guys/ Good Guys club?
- Will you read the next Bad Guys book?

The Chicken Squad Discussion Guide

Characters

- J.J. Tully - a retired search-and-rescue dog who watches out for Moosh and her chicks
- Dirt (aka Peep) - one of the chicks, good with shapes and drawing
- Sugar (aka Little Boo) - one of the chicks, good at asking questions
- Poppy - watches "the shoe"
- Sweetie (aka Sweet Coconut Louise) - no particular specialty
- Tail - a nervous squirrel who asks the Chicken Squad for help
- Moosh – the Chicken Squad's mom
- Barbara - the woman who lives in the house, J.J.'s owner

Opener Questions

- Which do you think would make a better pet - a chicken or a squirrel? Why?
- Do you have a nickname?

Discussion Questions

- Does Tail do a good job of describing what he saw in the yard? Why? p. 12
- Dirt says that, "Lots of people are afraid of things that are smaller than they are." Can you think of any examples? Why are people afraid of them? p. 14
- Why is it funny that Tail describes the thing in the yard as "Big and Scary?" What else does he say is "big and scary?" p.16-17
- Did you think that something really bad was after Tail? Why?
- How does Moosh feel about Tail? Why? P.27
- Why does Tail faint?
- What questions do the chicks ask to help figure out what the thing is? What other questions could they have asked? p.32-35
- How does Tail's description change? p.43
- Why do the chicks think the thing is a UFO? What else did you think it could be? p.46-47
- What did you think Sugar's plan was to stop the "UFO"? P.65
- Why does Barbara spray Tail with the hose? P.81
- How would you describe how the chicken squad acts? What are they doing? Have you ever used your imagination to create something fun to play? P.84-85
- How do you think J.J. feels about the Chicken Squad? Why? P.92
- What was your favorite part of this book? What was the funniest?
- Is there a member of the Chicken Squad that you like best? Why? How would you describe their personality?