DANNY AND THE DINOSAUR

Danny and the Dinosaur
by Syd Hoff (Harper)
Themes: Dinosaurs/Friendship
Level: Grades K-2
Length: 9 minutes, animated

Summary

DANNY AND THE DINOSAUR, the film, is true to the book, Danny and the Dinosaur by Syd Hoff. This story is about a little boy named Danny who discovers a dinosaur while visiting a museum. Much to Danny's surprise the dinosaur is real and journeys out of the museum with Danny and into the city.

As Danny and the Dinosaur travel throughout the city they have all kinds of adventures together. They help people cross streets, take a river ride, visit a zoo, and play games of hide and seek.

When the day ends, the dinosaur returns to the museum and Danny returns home -- but Danny and the dinosaur leave one another with memories of an exciting day spent with a new friend.

After Viewing Activities

Have children compare the ways Danny and the dinosaur felt about one another at the beginning of the film and at the end. Ask: Do you think Danny and the dinosaur felt like better friends at the end of the day? Why? Why not? Have children discuss their own friendships and the kinds of things they like to do with their friends. Help children understand that friendships, whether between people, or people with pets, is something very special and important. Ask: How do you show your friends you care for them? What helps you to know that your friends care for you? What is the best thing about having a special friend (friends)?

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So begins Danny and the Dinosaur's wonderful adventures together. For Danny and his prehistoric playmate, even the most everyday activities become extraordinary, like finding a big-enough place to hide a dinosaur in a game of hide-and-seek. Kids will delight in Syd Hoff's charming, comical illustrations as they read about how Danny teaches a very old dinosaur some new tricks. Originally published over 50 years ago, this beloved classic is a Level 1 I Can Read that is perfect for the beginning reader learning to sound out words and sentences. Supports the Common Core Learning Standard Danny and the Dinosaur is a popular children's book by Syd Hoff, first published by Harper & Brothers in 1958. It has sold over six million copies and has been translated into a dozen languages. The book inspired six other sequels by Syd Hoff. These are the other sequels: Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur (1985). Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp (1996). Danny and the Dinosaur: Too Tall (2014). Danny and the Dinosaur and the New Puppy (2015). Danny and the Dinosaur and the Girl Next Door (2016). Danny and the Dinosaur. Danny loves dinosaurs. When he sees one at the museum and says, "It would be nice to play with a dinosaur," a voice answers, "And I think it would be nice to play with you." So begins Dannys and the dinosaur's wonderful adventure together! And whether they're eating ice cream or playing hide-and-seek, these two are having one hundred million years of fun—all in one day. Danny and the Dinosaur Downloadable Activities. More Danny and the Dinosaur I can Read! Books. Newest. More Danny and the Dinosaur I can Read! Books. Sign me up. For the &a
Danny and his dinosaur buddy embark on an adventure-filled day, including: the dinosaur confusing a building for a rock, attending a baseball game, eating ice cream instead of grass, going to the zoo, playing games, especially hide and seek, with other children. The dinosaur is well-intentioned throughout the story, for he helps a lady cross the street, takes Danny across a river and lets the children use him as a slide. The dinosaur is also a celebrity, as the illustrations show hundreds of people leave the zoo to play with Danny. At the end of the story, all the other children (except Danny, Danny and the Dinosaur is a popular children’s book by Syd Hoff, first published by Harper & Brothers in 1958. It has sold over six million copies and has been translated into a dozen languages. The book inspired six other sequels by Syd Hoff. These are the other sequels: Happy Birthday, Danny and the Dinosaur (1985). Danny and the Dinosaur Go to Camp (1996). Danny and the Dinosaur: Too Tall (2014). Danny and the Dinosaur and the New Puppy (2015). Danny and the Dinosaur and the Girl Next Door (2016).