

Little Rebels Exploring Social Justice

What Happened to YOU?

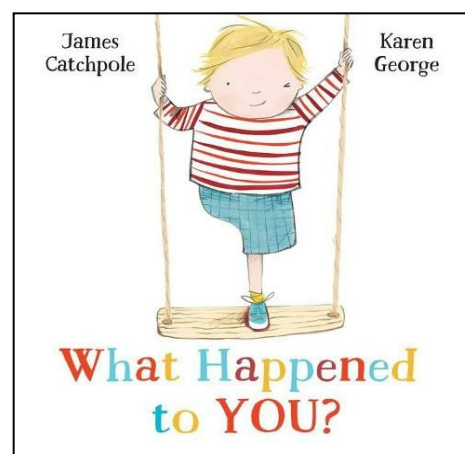
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Joe is very busy with his game of pirates and sharks. But, he is rudely interrupted by a child shouting, "You've only got one leg!" She is soon joined by other children who all pester him with questions about his 'missing' limb. Some questions are quite silly: "Did it fall off in the toilet?" Joe doesn't feel he should have to answer any of them! Will he be allowed to just go back to his sharks?

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Social Justice Themes: Disability Rights; Well-being; Diversity; Equal Treatment

Things to talk about

- Joe is asked, 'What happened to you?' Why do you think he didn't feel like telling that story?
- Look at Joe's face on page 18. How do you think he feels and why?
- Have you ever been asked a question that made you feel unhappy? Do you think Joe gave a good reply?
- Do you think Joe wishes the children would say something else?
- What might be a better way to start talking to someone you haven't met before?
- Why do you think Simone doesn't need to know what happened by the end of the story?

Activities

- It's normal to be curious about other people; we're all different. It can be very easy to say something hurtful without meaning to. Pretend that you are Simone. What questions might you ask Joe to find out more about him?

Extended

- Watch James Catchpole speak about and read his book here - <https://youtu.be/ngenq2Eh8rc>
- Explore 'Diversity', what it means, the benefits of living in a diverse community

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