Cavekid Birthday

ACTIVITY KIT

Two stone age friends barter for the perfect birthday presents in this prehistoric twist on the gift of the magi.

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Ways to Use Cavekid Birthday in A Classroom

CAVEKID BIRTHDAY is a picture book about two friends who are searching for a perfect gift to give to each other. It is about selfless giving and finding joy in another person’s happiness. The story also touches upon the themes of playfulness and using one’s imagination.
BEFORE YOU READ…

• Look closely at the cover of CAVEKID BIRTHDAY. Can you guess what the story may be about? What do you see in the illustration to support your thoughts?

• Read the book summary on the jacket flap. What does this description tell you about the story?

READING AND LANGUAGE:

• Read CAVEKID BIRTHDAY to the class. Pause after the Cavekids exchange their presents. Have students guess what will happen next.

• Have the students read each character’s lines as the book is read. Assign the roles of Caveboy, Cavegirl, and Caveman. The teacher can be the narrator, or can assign this role to a student as well.

WRITING ACTIVITIES:

• This book deals with the theme of selfless giving. Have students write their own story involving a GIFT OF THE MAGI twist, where one character trades something they love to give a friend something they want. The story could involve two children, two aliens, two monsters, two unicorns, etc. The story can be written individually or as a class.

• The Cavekids are very playful and they use their imaginations. Ask students to use their imaginations and think about the kinds of things they would do with a friend if they lived during the Stone Age.

• At the end of the story, Caveboy and Cavegirl end up with their boxes AND their tools and rocks. Ask students if they can think of anything the Cavekids can do with ALL of their things. See if students can come up with creative ways to combine the boxes, tools, and rocks. Make a list or write a short story about it.

• Write character descriptions of Caveboy and Cavegirl. How are they alike? How are they different?
**CRITICAL THINKING:**

- Start a discussion about the value of true friendship. What makes someone a special friend? Is it based on interests? Values? Character? Personality?

- Ask students to think about their most prized possession. Have them think about (and then discuss) what it would be like to trade or sell that item in order to get a gift for a friend.

- Discuss obstacles and challenges that the Cavekids faced when they tried to find a perfect birthday present. Ask students: How did they deal with these challenges?

- After receiving their presents, Caveboy and Cavegirl realized they each traded their favorite things to get a gift for the other. How do they solve their problem?

**ART:**

- Have students draw a cavekid drawing on a piece of brown butcher paper. Students can use chalk, crayons, markers or paint. Display these cave drawings on the wall or on a bulletin board.

- Have students build something out of a cardboard box. When the cardboard box designs are completed, have students share what their boxes would be used for.
Use your Imagination!

A box can be turned into all kinds of things such as a castle, a playhouse, a race car, or a boat. If you had a box, what would you turn it into?

Draw It!
How would a cavekid celebrate a birthday?
What types of things would cavekids do at a birthday party?

Write or draw your ideas in the boxes below.
Gift Giving

Do you like getting gifts? Do you like giving gifts?

If you had to trade something you have to get something for your friend, would you do it?
In the box below, draw a picture of a treasured possession you would be willing to trade.
What types of things do you like to do with your best friend?

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Draw a picture of you and your friend doing your favorite activity.
Reflect on the different story elements of CAVEKID BIRTHDAY.
Then, fill in the boxes below.

Characters

Setting

Problem

Solution
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## Word Find

Find the words from the Word Bank in the Word Search below. Search horizontally, vertically, and diagonally to find the hidden words.

### Word Bank

- bear
- mammoth
- trade
- caveboy
- cavegirl
- birthday
- tools
- rocks
- clouds
- gift
- box
- friends

### Word Search

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Z A D H I J C K N S U Q
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A Q K M Y R E T M G Y T
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Best Friends

How are Cavegirl and Caveboy alike? How are they different?

- Cavegirl
- Caveboy
- Both
Help Cavegirl find her present!
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