



THE SNOWY DAY

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SUMMARY

When Peter wakes up the world outside his window has been transformed by snow. He's excited to play in the snow and have fun. He might not be big enough to have a snowball fight with the big boys, but he finds fun things to do. He keeps a snowball in his pocket so that he can remember the fun tomorrow, in case the snow is all gone by then. What will he see when he wakes up and looks out the window?

Questions:

1. How do you think Peter felt when he woke up and saw that everything outside was covered in snow? Does everyone feel the same way about snow? Do you like it? Does everyone like it? Why would somebody maybe not like snow very much? What if they don't have warm clothes? What if they have to travel and the snow makes it harder?
2. How do you think Peter felt when the snow dropped on his head? Has that ever happened to you? How does it feel?
3. How does Peter feel when he sees the older boys having a snowball fight? Have you ever wanted to join in on something but been told you can't until you're older or bigger? How does that feel? Did he not play because they were being mean to him or because it wasn't safe? Does that make a difference in how he feels?
4. What kind of games can you play in the snow? What are your favorites? Which ones does Peter play? Which ones does he like?
5. Why do you think Peter saved the snowball? How did he feel about the snow?
6. When you go inside after a long day of playing in the snow, how do you feel? If you've never played in the snow before, how do you think you would feel? Do you only feel one thing?
7. How do you think Peter's mom feels when he tells her about his day? Is she happy that he had so much fun? What's she going to do with all his dirty, wet, clothes? Did she get to have any fun? Why might she be happy anyway?
8. Have you ever had a bad dream, like Peter's dream that the sun melted all the snow away? How did you feel during the dream? How did you feel when you woke up? How did you help yourself feel better? Did someone else help you?
9. How do you think Peter felt when he woke up and his dream wasn't real?
10. Do you think he had fun with his friend in the snow? Do you think he had more fun by himself the day before? Is it more fun to do things alone or with friends?

