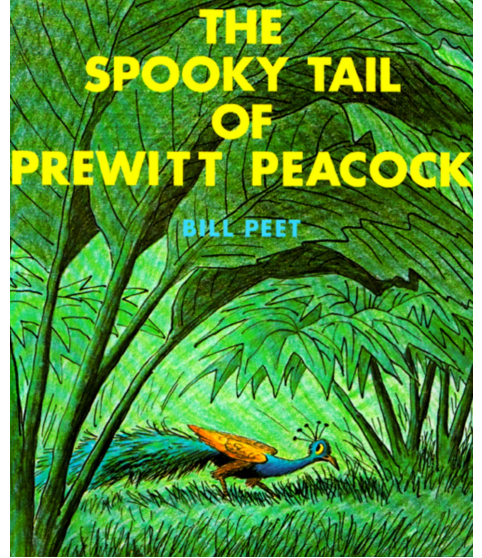




THE SPOOKY TAIL OF PREWITT PEACOCK

BILL PEET

Prewitt the Peacock's tail isn't like all the other peacocks' tails. It isn't big, or grand, or covered in eyes. But a tail is what makes the peacock, and with such a short, scraggly tail, can Prewitt be a good peacock at all? What would such a strange tail be good for?



Questions:

1. What is something about you that makes you feel proud? How would you feel if everyone else was all feeling proud of themselves about something you weren't good at?
2. Look at how Prewitt is standing. Do people also stand like that when they are sad or ashamed? Do people also show their feelings in their body language?
3. How did the peacocks feel when the tiger came jumping at them? How do you think the tiger felt that he couldn't catch them and couldn't find anything else good to eat?
4. How do you think Prewitt felt when his tail grew and instead of being beautiful it was terrifying? How would you feel if your body betrayed you like that?
5. How would you feel if all your friends got mad at you about something you couldn't help, something that wasn't your fault? Is it fair to get mad at someone over that?
6. How do you think Prewitt feels when the other peacocks tell him to hold his tail down? Should anyone ask you to change who you are to make them happier or more comfortable if you aren't hurting them? Should you ask anyone else to change?
7. Have you ever had a really bad nightmare? How do you feel in the middle of it? How do you feel when you wake up? Would you ever want to do something to someone that would make you a part of their nightmares? How can you make sure you don't hurt anyone bad enough for that?
8. Was it easy for Prewitt to stand up to Phineas? Why did he do it if it wasn't easy? How do you think he felt when they chased him to pull off his tail?
9. How do you think the other peacocks felt when Prewitt's tail saved the day?
10. Does someone being different automatically mean they are no good? Or are different people just good at different things? Is that good or bad?