



WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

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SUMMARY

Max is not being a very good boy. After he does too many wrong things, his mom sends him to bed without his supper. When he goes to his room a forest grows, and he finds himself the king of the wild things. Will it be fun where the wild things are? Will Max ever want to come back?

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Questions:

1. Why is it bad to nail things to the wall without asking your parents first? How will they feel when they see the holes? How would you feel if someone put holes into something that mattered to you?
2. How does Max feel, playing a game with the dog? How does the dog feel, being chased with a fork? Is it a good game to play?
3. How do you think Max feels being called a wild thing? How could his mother have helped fix his behavior without yelling at him?
4. What does Max do when his mom makes him angry? Is that a good thing to do? What's a better idea of showing you're angry?
5. Is it fun to use your imagination? What sort of things do you like to imagine? Why do you think Max likes to imagine the forest and being outdoors? Is it easier to be wild outside? Why?
6. How do you think Max felt when he saw the wild things? How would you feel if you met a wild thing like in the pictures?
7. How would you feel if they roared and gnashed their teeth and showed their claws? How does Max feel?
8. How do you think the wild things felt when Max yelled at them to be still? How do you feel when people yell at you to be quiet?
9. How do you think Max felt being king and playing with the wild things? Is it wrong to have that kind of fun?
10. Why do you think Max feels lonely? Do you think he misses his mom? How does smelling good food make him feel when he's had no supper?
11. Why do you think the wild things gnash their teeth and roar when he leaves? How do they feel?