

# Curious George Goes Camping

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Curious George gets into mischief while camping but is able to redeem himself in an emergency.



## Read

### Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Has anyone ever slept in a tent?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder if Curious George put up the tent by himself or if he had help?

### During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

### Rare Words in *Curious George Goes Camping*

- curious: eager to know something
- camping: living outdoors in a tent
- tent: a movable shelter of tough fabric or plastic cover held up by poles and kept in place by ropes and pegs
- roast: to heat something until it is dry or brown
- wander: to move from place to place
- trail: to follow a person or animal
- sizzled: to make the hissing and spattering sound such as frying food
- worried: feeling anxious about something unpleasant that happened or may happen
- company: a gathering of people
- chattering: to talk fast about unimportant things
- sunning: to lay in the sun's rays for warmth or for a suntan
- peeking: to take a quick look at something, especially secretly
- gently: using little force
- awful: very bad
- scary: causing fear

## After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What kind of animal is George?
- Why was he called Curious George?
- Who did he go camping with?
- What was the first thing George did on the camping trip? Have you ever put up a tent?
- The man in the yellow hat sent George for a bucket of water? Why?
- What did Curious George do with the bucket of water before he got back to the campsite?
- Why did the camper chase him into the woods? Did he get lost? Have you ever gotten lost?
- Can you name some of the animals that George saw in the woods? Did he see a kitty? What happened when he pulled on the skunk's tail?
- Can you name some of the things that George did to get the skunk smell off of him? Have you ever been sprayed by a skunk?
- When George climbed up in the tree, what did he see? What did he do next?



**Do**

## Camping Safety List for Curious George

Make blank copies of "Help Curious George Camp Safely" found in the back of this book. Have the students write out four camping safety tips that Curious George should remember and follow the next time he goes camping.