

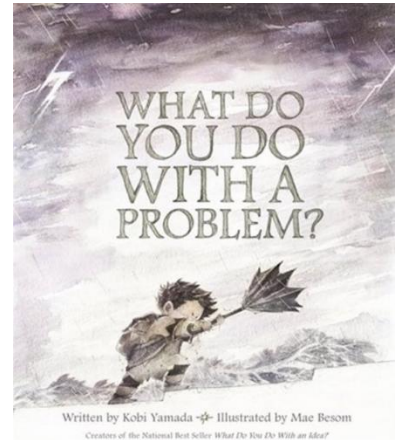


What Do You Do With a Problem?

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“What do you do with a problem? Especially one that follows you around and doesn't seem to be going away? Do you worry about it? Ignore it? Do you run and hide from it? This is the story of a persistent problem and the child who isn't so sure what to make of it.” – Goodreads.com

Ask the children if they have ever had trouble solving a problem. Ask them how they felt about the problem, and what they did to find a solution. Let them know this book is about a boy who tries a lot of different things when he has a problem, and you will discover together what helps him in the end.



Art/Craft

The boy's problem looked a bit like a dark cloud following him around. Invite children to paint or draw what they think their problems look like.

Dramatic Play

Incorporate the items that the boy uses or wears in the story into the dramatic play area—backpack, umbrella, welding mask, tool box, boots and goggles.

Role play different problems with the children- have the problem solving kit on hand to help the children decide how to solve them.

Fine Motor

Collect a variety of different jars and containers with lids- mix all the lids up so children need to use their problem solving skills to match put the right lid on the right jar.

Games

Make it Move Game: Crumple up a ball of paper and place it in-between two lines of masking tape- ask the children to then move it across the lines without touching it.

Make a maze: Collect as many large cardboard boxes as you can and make a maze for the children to navigate.

Sensory Play

Freeze animals or small toys into ice- talk with the children about ways they could get the objects out of the ice (melt the ice with warm water, salt, use toy hammers to try and break the ice etc.).

Include Families!

Provide a way that educators can share the concept of the book with families at home. This can be a link to an online handout, or an activity educators can request that families do.

