



MY LITTLE MOCKINGBIRD

TEACHER'S GUIDE + CLASSROOM RESOURCE

BEFORE YOU READ

Discussion Starters

Use these questions before reading the story:

- What is something you love to explore?
- What sounds do birds make?
- What are some beautiful things you notice outside?
- What makes you special?
- What does it mean to learn and grow?

READ-ALoud TIPS

As you read:

- Pause to let children observe the illustrations
- Ask children what they notice in the background artwork
- Encourage sound effects or bird songs during reading
- Let students predict what the mockingbird might discover next

Suggested prompts:

- "What do you think the mockingbird is feeling?"
- "Where would you explore if you could fly?"
- "What do you think the mockingbird will learn?"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Comprehension Questions

1. What kinds of places did the mockingbird explore?
2. What did the mockingbird enjoy doing?
3. How did the mockingbird learn and grow?
4. What made the mockingbird unique?
5. What lessons did the mockingbird discover?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that makes you unique?
2. How can we show kindness to others?
3. What is something new you would like to learn?
4. When do you feel brave?
5. What are some ways we can care for nature and others?

ABOUT THE BOOK

My Little Mockingbird follows a curious little bird discovering the beauty of the world around her while learning that she was lovingly created with purpose and wonder.

Through exploration, creativity, and gentle storytelling, children are encouraged to:

- Notice beauty in everyday life
- Practice curiosity and imagination
- Build confidence
- Grow in kindness and compassion
- Understand they are uniquely created

THEMES IN THE STORY

- Curiosity
- Creativity
- Friendship
- Courage
- Wonder
- Identity
- Kindness
- Faith
- Exploration
- Gratitude

MEET THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

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Rebekah Firmin is the owner, author, and artist behind MockingbirdArtist! MockingbirdArtist is a visual storyteller and illustrator who believes in the power of art and story to connect hearts. Through gentle words and whimsical images, she helps families see beauty in the ordinary and find truth in every season.

What Was I Made For is her second children's book, following her beloved debut My Little Mockingbird. With each title, she invites readers to wonder, ask brave questions, and trust the One who holds every season.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

1. Draw Your Adventure

Prompt: "If you could fly anywhere, where would you go?"

Children can:

- Draw their adventure
- Add animals or friends
- Write a short sentence about what they discovered

2. What Makes Me Special?

Invite children to draw or write:

- Something they love
- A gift or talent they have
- Someone they care about
- Something kind they can do for others

Extension: Create a classroom "Special Things About Us" wall.

3. Mockingbird Observation Walk

Take students on a short nature walk.

Encourage children to:

- Listen for sounds
- Observe colors and textures
- Notice birds, flowers, trees, and insects
- Draw what they discover afterward

Optional discussion:

"What beautiful things did you notice today?"

4. Color Your Mockingbird

Provide a blank bird outline for children to:

- Color creatively
- Add patterns or textures
- Design their own little mockingbird

Encourage imagination and individuality.

CONNECT ÷ RESOURCES

- **Website:** www.mockingbirdartiststudio.com
- **Instagram:** @Mockingbirdartist
- **Etsy Shop:** www.etsy.com/shop/MockingbirdArtist
- **Visit the Kids Corner on the website for:**
 - printable activities
 - videos
 - coloring pages
 - companion resources
 - classroom ideas

WRITING PROMPTS

1. If I were a little mockingbird, I would...
2. My favorite place to explore is...
3. One thing I want to learn is...
4. Someone who encourages me is...
5. A beautiful thing I noticed today was...

SCRIPTURE CONNECTIONS

- **Psalm 139:14** - "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made."
- **Matthew 6:26** - "Look at the birds of the air... your heavenly Father feeds them."
- **Proverbs 17:22** - "A joyful heart is good medicine."
- **Genesis 1:31** - "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good."

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING CONNECTIONS

This story supports conversations about:

- Emotional awareness
- Confidence building
- Curiosity and creativity
- Gratitude
- Compassion
- Positive identity
- Encouragement and friendship

Suggested SEL focus words:

- Brave
- Curious
- Kind
- Joyful
- Creative
- Caring
- Hopeful

EXTENSION IDEAS

Classroom Display

Create a bulletin board titled: "Adventures of Our Little Mockingbirds". Students can add:

- drawings
- favorite discoveries
- acts of kindness
- encouraging words

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