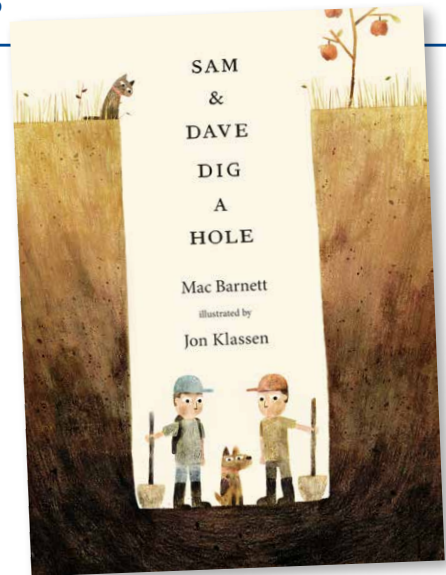


SAM AND DAVE DIG A HOLE

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Article 24: Everyone has the right to rest and leisure.

Sam and Dave dig a hole to see what happens. They're on a mission to explore, find 'something spectacular' and enjoy themselves. They conduct their experiment in safety and companionship. Importantly, of course, at the end of the day they have a home to return to.

All children have the right to rest and leisure. In the Convention of the Rights of the Child this is encompassed in the right to play, and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts. This book reminds us of how important these rights are to children's development, knowledge and happiness.

Children need their rights protecting in a particular way because adults (parents, carers, schools, government, etc) make so many decisions for them. The story also acknowledges a child's right to independence.

THEMES

- Children's rights
- Freedom of expression
- Friendship

QUESTIONS

- What does the dog see that Sam and Dave don't?
- They don't find the treasure. Does it matter?
- How has playing made a difference to them?
- Why is it important that everyone has the right to play?

ACTIVITY

Imagine what Sam and Dave did next. Draw a picture of them enjoying their next adventure.

RESEARCH

Talk through the Convention on the Rights of the Child. When did it come into force? What rights does it give you? Which are the most important?

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