

The Worm Who Knew Karate!

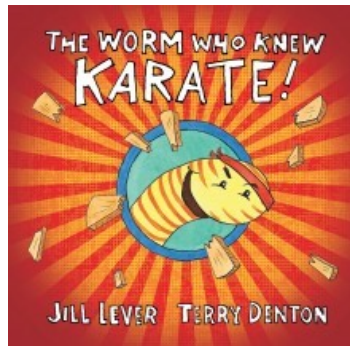
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Brian was a happy worm.
He lived in a beautiful window box.
He didn't think he'd ever need to know karate.
Until one day . . .



Themes:

- Sayings
- Showing courage
- Karate
- Helping yourself
- Gaining confidence

Discussion Points:

- Looking at the title, what do you think the story will be about?
- Why did Brian get worried when he read the poster that was put up about the sale?
- Brian spent the first few days in hiding. Do you think that this is a natural reaction when you are confronted with something that scares you? Explain.
- What made Brian change?
- What characteristics did he show by trying to learn karate?
- Think of some situations that we face in our everyday life that might be worrying or confronting. Then think of some positive actions that could be taken to help overcome the problem.
- What do you know about karate?

Activities:

- As a class, create a whole list of sayings like 'the early bird catches the worm' along with the real meaning behind them and where the saying originated from.
- Make your own 'Brian the worm' using an old sock or stocking. Decorate it in a unique way.