

Something Wonderful

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Sam likes to pull things apart and put them back together, and think about how things work. But he is sometimes so busy doing this, he forgets his chores on the family farm.

Then one day he creates something truly wonderful...



Themes:

- Discovery
- Invention
- Creative Thinking
- Importance of Dreaming

Discussion Points:

- Looking at the cover, before reading the story, what do you think it could be about? Compare your answers after reading it to see how close you were.
- With all the things that Sam did, how would you describe him?
- Are you at all like Sam? Have you ever done or tried to make the things that Sam did. Explain.
- Why did Sam forget to do his chores? How did his parents react to this?
- Why do you think his Mum and Dad reacted differently?
- Do you sometimes get distracted too?
- When Sam went in the shed and started to build something, did you guess what he was trying to make? Do you think it will make a difference to life on the farm?
- Discuss how important it is to 'invent' things?
- Think about a simple task that you do everyday. Can you think of something that would make that job easier?

Activities:

- As a class, research ten things that have been invented in the past 100 years. Rank them according to how important and life changing they have been.