

Blue The Builder's Dog

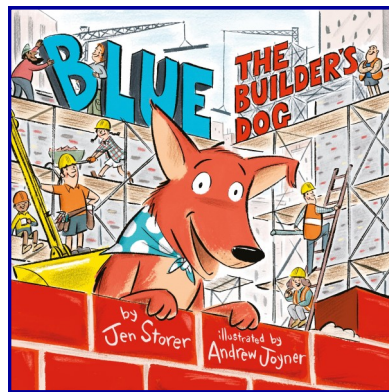
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Meet Blue, the Builder's Dog. On the construction site, he's part of the team. He guards the tools, signs the concrete slabs and keeps stickybeaks away. But Blue doesn't have a house of his own. The builder has one. The chippie has one. The architect and the big bosses have one. So he decides to quit and build one himself...



Themes:

- Working dogs
- Building sites
- Teamwork
- Home

Discussion Points:

- Why do you think Blue went to work and didn't stay home like other dogs do when their owner goes to work? What type of work did Blue and his owner do?
- Are there any other work places where you might see a dog?
- Can you think of any other work places where animals might be?
- What roles do they play?
- As a class, brainstorm a list of all the words that you can think of related to builders and a building site.
- What were some of the things that Blue didn't have or wasn't allowed to do at the site?
- How did this make him feel?
- Where did Blue usually sleep?
- Why do you think he wanted a kennel of his own?
- How would you describe his actions and character in trying to build his own kennel?
- How did the workers at the building site greet Blue when he returned?
- Do you think that they missed him?
- How did they show him how much he meant to them?

Activities:

- The builders drew a plan for Blue's new kennel. In small groups, design and plan your own perfect dog kennel. Draw a picture of your kennel, and label any special features that you have included to make it the perfect home for a dog.
- Choose your favourite picture of Blue from the story and paint your own version of it.