

Go Home, Cat!

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A delightful story from the award-winning team who brought us *Come Down, Cat!* that celebrates friendship, courage and the value of those we love.

When Nicholas finds a silver coin in the garden, he tells his cat, 'I can buy liquorice with this!'

Nicholas loves liquorice more than almost anything.

'Stay home, cat,' he says, and sets out for the shop.

But as Nicholas walks down the street he hears a voice he knows...



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:

- Courage
- Heroism
- Friendship
- Adventure

Discussion Questions and Activities:

Literacy, language and storytelling

- How many characters are in this story? Do you think creatures other than people can be characters in a story? Can you think of other stories that have non-human characters?
- New Words: Can you find three words in the book that are new to you? Try to work out what they mean from the context (the way they are used and what surrounds them).

Friendship

- What do you notice about the very first page of the story? (Hint: what can you see?) What does it tell you about the characters in this book?
- What does it take to be a true friend or companion?
- In what ways is Nicholas shown to be a good friend to the cat?
- Draw a map of your own neighbourhood. Illustrate all the places and people special to you.
- Write a story about your own experience of friendship with another person or pet. Include something you did to help your friend.

Courage

- What do you think is the most important message in this book? What does it teach us about courage and heroism and about the sort of friends we should be?
- Write a sentence about a time you were brave on a piece of paper. Place all of the pieces of paper inside a box anonymously. Your teacher will share with the class the experiences that have been listed and ask the students to write a story about being brave.

Cats!

- What characteristics do cats have? List 5 words that describe a cat's behaviour and attitude towards people.
- What sorts of things do cats like to do?
- In what ways are they different from other pets such as dogs?
- Is it easy to train a cat?
- Is there anything cats are afraid of?
- Looking at the title of the book, if you were to ask a cat to go home, do you think it would obey? Give reasons for your answer.