

Bearplane!

A RIF GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

Themes: Family, Transportation, Travel

Book Brief: A little bear packs their bags and heads to the airport with their grown-up for their first flight. The two move through all the areas of the airport as they head towards their gate and take-off for a special trip to visit Granny.

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TIME TO READ!



Before: Read the title of the story and look at the cover. Ask your child where they think the bear is? What makes them think that?

During: As you read, have your child share about all of the things they see happening in the picture. Ask, “What is the little bear doing? How is the little bear feeling right now?”

After, ask questions:

- What were all of the things the little bear had to do to take the airplane trip?
- Why did the little bear’s feelings change throughout the trip on the airplane?
- Where would you go on an airplane trip? Why would you go there?

CONVERSATION STARTERS

Rereading texts is an important practice for early readers. Revisiting favorite books is both enjoyable and helps young children gain a deeper understanding of a story. In a reread, you can call attention to new details in the writing or the illustrations that make the book interesting or funny. Rereading a book can help children develop connections with characters in stories and relate details to moments in their own experiences. *Bearplane!* is a book with many details, both in the text and in the pictures. As you read the story over and over, you may notice new things to point out and discuss with your child. For example, during a second or third read, you could pay special attention to what happens to the grumpy bear in the hat throughout the story. Help your child get excited about reading by revisiting books they know and love!

RELATED ACTIVITIES

STEP BY STEP

Materials: Paper and things to draw and write with like crayons or markers

In *Bearplane!* the little bear has to follow many steps in order to fly on the plane. After reading the story, have your child draw a few (three to five) events from the story. After they are finished

drawing, mix up the pictures and have your child try and put them in order from the story. Look back in the book to help put them in order or check to see if they got it right on their own!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS ABOUT AIRPLANES

- [The Ultimate Book of Airplanes and Airports \(2017\)](#)
- [Zoey’s First Plane Ride \(2017\)](#)
- [Airplanes: Soaring! Diving! Turning! \(2012\)](#)