



It's Christmas, David!

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Christmas, Humor, SEL

Book Brief: David is excited for Christmas and is trying to be on his best behavior! But from trying to peek at hidden gift packages and struggling to behave at the Christmas dinner party, it's proving hard to stay out trouble.

Author:
David Shannon

Illustrator:
David Shannon

BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students how David is getting into trouble on a couple of pages.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Has your family ever had to tell you 'no'?" (Optional: Think-Pair-Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read, think about how David is feeling."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- What is David doing on this page?
- Has your family ever said "those are not toys" to you?
- How do you think David feels? Why?
- Do you think David is going to get presents from Santa? Why or why not?



Think Aloud: "I wonder why David is in trouble on this page. I see that there is a broken window and snowballs on the ground. I think he threw a snowball and broke the window. He looks worried."

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Ask, "How did David's feelings change throughout the story?"

Extending Our Thinking: On the back book jacket flap the author, David Shannon, shares that when he was a little boy, he wrote a book with the words "No" and "David." Ask your students to share if they ever get told "no." How does it make them feel? Have each student create their own "No ____" page for a class book. Be sure to include a "Yes" page at the end! Share the message that even when families or teachers say "no," they still love you.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more books about David such as [No, David!](#) And [David Gets in Trouble](#).