

Float – Daniel Miyares

6.

Before reading

About this book

A boy folds a boat from a newspaper and takes it outside on a rainy day. He soon loses the boat in a flowing gutter and has to look for it.



During reading

Create a story together in 1-2-3 times

1. Explore the book together

Enjoy the images, be amazed by the story and ask each other the basic questions on every page:

- What do you see? What happens?
- How do you see that?
- What else do you see?

2. Questions to talk about together

- The boy sets off with the paper boat and what happens then?
- What causes the boat to break? Why does he fold a plane at the end?
- If you were the boy, would you or would you not play outside in the rain? Or would you rather play outside when the weather is good? Why?

3. Think together about what the characters feel, think and say

Choose the boy from the moment the boat floats away from him or choose the boat. How does the boy/boat feel? What is the boy/boat thinking? What does the boy/boat say?

Learn new words together

We thought of these words as we read the story. Look at the words. They mean the same in Dutch and English, but they are written and pronounced differently.

Now choose one of the English words. Can you find the word in the book? Talk about this word together in your preferred language. What do you know about this word? Name as many words as you can that belong to this word (in your preferred language).

Now think of a word that appears in the book and write it down together in both languages. Name everything you know about this word.

Engels	Nederlands	Engels	Nederlands
the boat	de boot	worried	ongerust
the raincoat	de regenjas	to float	drijven
dry/wet	droog/nat	surprised	verbaasd
to sail away	wegvaren	soaked	doorweekt
to undress	uitkleden	the cross-walk	het zebrapad
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After reading

Tell me... Continuing to talk together: questions for the oldest reader

Tell me about the time you got soaking wet. When was that? Where was it? How did it end?

Do an activity together

Fold a boat and an airplane from a newspaper. The inside of the book cover describes how to do this.