

Learning Guide for "Billy's Bodacious Belly"

Suitable for ages 5-8

You can use this story to teach anatomy as well as empathy and how to handle our fears.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you know where your appendix is? Can you touch it?
2. Why do we have an appendix? Do we need one?
3. Do you think Billy and his mom were afraid when his appendix started to hurt? Why do you think they were frightened? Do you think they would still have been afraid if they had known what was inside his tummy?
4. Have you ever been afraid of something but then found out that it wasn't so scary after all? Did some of the people or things you were afraid of turn out to be nice, funny or even "cool"?