

In support of the Get Georgia Reading Campaign, the following example book-related activity is provided by the Georgia Department of Education to accompany *A Box Can Be Many Things* by Dana Meachen Rau.

Book Title: A Box Can Be Many Things

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Read Aloud

Reading the story aloud, you may want to ask a few questions before beginning the group activity.

- What is the first thing that the sister and brother created out of the box?
- What other things did they create with the box?
- Name other things that can be created with a box.

Small or Whole Group Activity

1. Ask students to select a box from the group of boxes.
2. Encourage students to think about what they can make with their box.
3. Provide art materials for students to use to decorate their box.
4. Assist students in writing sentences about their boxes.

Guided talk during this activity is important for students' language development. Consider how this activity encourages imaginative play and peer-to-peer talk. Assist students in sharing materials and telling about their artistic decisions as they create. Consider how you model the use of prepositions to discuss what's inside, outside, on top of, below, and around the box. Students can also use these words when they tell about their final creations with partners or as a whole group.

Additional Activity: Allow students to help decorate the large box and to take turns sitting inside the large box.

Materials Needed

- boxes of different shapes and sizes
- construction paper
- glue
- markers

A large box is needed for the additional activity.