

Activity Guide

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How weird!



One day, at the beginning of this book, something strange was lying on the floor.

What did the animals find? When they pick it up, things get out of hand. It gets weirder and weirder until...

Playing with Mirrors

Requirements: ribbons

Lay a large mirror on the floor or use the mylar mirror at the end of the book. See how the children respond to this. Is it a strange thing? Next, add loose parts you can manipulate, change, and combine. Think of feathers, shells, and wood slices. What do the children do? After discovering this, read the book *How Weird!*

Ice Rink

Look at the penguin standing on the mirror inside *How Weird!* Ask why the penguin is having such fun. Collect toys that match an icy theme: toy penguins or other arctic animals, marshmallows, cotton balls, dolls, and white or blue blocks. Using the mylar mirror at the end, explain that the mirror is an ice rink. Lay the book flat and decorate the mirror by placing animals, dolls, or houses around it. After this, play with the figures on the ice rink.

Mirror Moves

Look at Sloth in the first couple of pages of the book. He puts the mirror upright, right in the middle of the book. What is happening? Put two children opposite each other. The children pretend to look in the mirror. One child creates a movement, and the other imitates it. Then the children switch roles.

Funny Faces

Iguana looks in the mirror and sees a grump! Panther sees three eyes. Can the kids get grumpy? As weird as Panther? Look at the animals. What other faces can they come up with?



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