

Ice Cream Summer

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Ice Cream, Traveling, Family

Book Brief: Joe describes his summer adventures through letters to his grandpa that focus on his

favorite treat—ice cream!

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make connections: Do you like ice cream? If not, what's your favorite frozen treat? If so, what are your favorite ice cream flavors? When do you usually eat the most

ice cream? Do you like your ice cream in a cone or in a bowl or cup?

While reading, search and count: The author/illustrator included many hidden ice cream cones in

the pages of the story. How many of them can you find on each page? How many can you find in all? Keep track as you read.

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why do you think Joe was so obsessed with ice cream?
- ◆ How did Joe make ice cream educational?
- ◆ What part of the history of ice cream did you find most interesting?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

SHAKE IT UP, BABY!

Ingredients: 1 Tbs. sugar, 1/2 cup half and half, 1/4 tsp. vanilla

Materials: 1/2 cup coarse salt, quart-sized plastic bag, gallon-sized plastic bag, ice

Pour the ingredients into a quart-sized plastic bag and seal carefully. Fill the gallon-sized plastic bag halfway with ice. Add in the salt. Place the sealed quart-sized bag inside the gallon-sized bag. Seal the gallon-sized bag and shake! Shake the bag until you see the ingredients in the smaller bag start to look like ice cream. When the ingredients look solid enough to eat, open up the bag and enjoy!

CONE COLLAGE

Materials: old magazines, paper, glue

Cut or tear colored pieces of paper from an old magazine. Arrange the pieces in the shape of an ice

cream cone. Use a variety of colors for the ice cream. Remember that in a collage you can overlap pieces of paper. Once you have a completed design, glue all the pieces onto paper to make a collage.



CREAMY CARTOGRAPHY

Look at Joe's map. If you could turn your neighborhood into an ice cream paradise, what would the landmarks be? Create your own ice cream-themed neighborhood map with illustrations.

THAILAND TREAT

Check out how street vendors make ice cream in Thailand: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YSQxQN6WTal. Have you ever been to an ice cream shop in the United States that used a similar method to make ice cream treats?

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



OTHER BOOKS BY THIS AUTHOR

The Pilot and the Little Prince: The Life of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (2014), *The Train of States* (2007), *Ballerina!* (2005).



Reading Is Fundamental