

# Summary:

A child learns to enjoy the many fun activities outside without electronics.

## Science Topics:

- Observation
- Plants
- Animals

### Questions to Discuss:

- How did the boy's attitude change throughout the book?
- What activities that he did would you like to try?
- What do you think the boy did when he went back home?

### Related Activities:

- · Make a list of outdoor activities you enjoy or want to try.
- Go on a nature walk. Draw pictures of the plants or animals you see.
- Check out the workbooks at

gardenclub.org/kids-publications-and-activity-books

Keep Reading:		
PreK-K	1-2	3+
<ul> <li>Let's Go For A Walk</li> <li>Outside by Scholastic</li> <li>Inside, OutsideAll</li> <li>Around! by Elisabeth</li> <li>Wright</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Elephant &amp; Piggie: Are         You Ready to Play         Outside? by Mo Willems</li> <li>We're Going on a         Nature Hunt by Steve         Metzger</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Little Critter:         <ul> <li>Exploring the Great</li> <li>Outdoors by Mercer</li> <li>Mayer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### **Network With Nature**

Library: Donate books to the library. Work with the library to promote the book with a special display. When the book is checked out, provide a bag, the book, activity sheet, giveaway item. The child can keep the activity sheet and giveaway item but return the book and bag for another child.

Gift to a child/grandchild/neighbor: Book, Activity Sheet, and Giveaway

Hold a neighborhood activity – ask the garden club to help.

Pick a day to host an activity for children, grandchildren, and neighbors of garden club members. Get together to read the book and discuss the questions. Follow up with a group activity.

Start a junior garden club.

Meet with a group of parents/children to discuss and work on a project.

Bag to carry the book, activity sheet and project.

<u>Network With Nature</u> which sells for \$10 and is ordered on the National Garden Club web site. Give Away Ideas: magnifying glass adult type (Dollar Tree) and directions on how to make an accordion journal.

Get a group together and take a Nature Walk.

- Collect flowers and leaves to press and dry.
  - 3 weeks later, use the dried flowers and leaves to create artwork poster, note cards, framed pictures.
  - Create a book where you identify the tree by the dried leaf.
- Identify trees by leaves and bark.
- Identify birds by sight and sound.

So, let's get started. These are just a few ideas, but you can challenge your club to come up with others. The focus is to reach children as well as their parents on the importance of saving our environment for the future and advancing the *GO GREEN - PLANT AMERICA* goals for a Cleaner, Greener and Healthier World!