

# READING ACTIVITY KIT



An adventure filled with friendship and hope about one child's love for his most treasured thing—and how far he will go to find it.

**J**ACK LOVES HIS CHILDHOOD TOY, DUR PIG. DP has always been there for him, through good and bad. Until something terrible happens one Christmas Eve—DP is lost. But Christmas Eve is a night for miracles and lost causes, a night when all things can come to life . . . even toys. And Jack's newest toy—the Christmas Pig (DP's replacement)—has a daring plan: Together they'll embark on a magical journey to seek something lost, and to save the best friend Jack has ever known.

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# LET'S TALK!



Do you have a most favorite Thing? What do you love about it?



Have you ever lost your favorite treasured Thing? If you have, how did that make you feel?



Have you ever done something you regret? If so, how did you make amends with the person you hurt?



What has been your most exciting adventure?



Who are your best friends? How do your friends help you? How do you help your friends?



What's the hardest thing you've ever had to do? How did you feel once you achieved your goal?



Have you ever changed your mind about someone or something?  
Why did your opinion change?



What are your favorite Christmas or holiday traditions?



# ACTIVITY IDEAS



## Your DP

Jack loves DP more than any of his other Things. What Thing do you love best? Draw a picture of your most beloved Thing and write a paragraph describing why it's so special to you.

## Christmas Angel

Use found objects to create a Christmas angel or other type of Christmas ornament for your holiday tree.

## Door Design

When traveling in the Land of the Lost, lost Things first wait in Mislaid for an hour to see if their owners Up Top in the Land of the Living reclaim them. If not, they are assigned to go through one of three doors leading to very different communities in the Land of the Lost: Disposable, Bother-It's-Gone, or The City of the Missed. Design doors for each of the three destinations.

## Mottos for Life

Compass helps Jack and the Christmas Pig navigate the Wastes of the Unlamented. She likes to create mottos like "Socks in the north and umbrellas for best, but when it's all going south, take a friend." Create your own mottos to express important truths you believe in.

## The Loser

The Loser eats unwanted lost Things and attaches hard bits of them to his external shell so that he looks like a robot with fragments of junk stuck to every inch of his body. Draw your interpretation of the Loser or make a model of him using recyclable materials and found objects.

## Set the Scene

Select your favorite scene from the novel and recreate it in a shoebox diorama.

## Writing Challenge

Choose one of your own Things that you've misplaced before and write a story about your Thing's experience while it was lost.



# CHARACTER WORD SEARCH

Find the names hidden in the puzzle. Words can appear in all directions and can share letters.

Z P G N T V O X B N Y Y H P R E K P A P S C Y P G  
 I Q H D Y X W V L L H T F S O T R O Y X S D C I A  
 Q E Z L B K M A Y L D U O R U E E K V X M H S J M  
 E D U C Q Y K E P J C A K L T X M C T E Q I E S Q  
 D F L J R X W Y L X S E T E L Z R M E J A I L O Q  
 B F H N B W Z Y D B M B N S R E Q I Q F X K P S Y  
 S C B J G S Z K O W M S H R T E F K E Z C U I D N  
 C O M P A S S I G X E Y A E A W S C L A Y D C U I  
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 G I P S A M T S I R H C E H T M A V V A Q G B W P  
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| AMBITION   | COMPASS   | HOLLY | LOSS ADJUSTERS | POEM     | THE CHRISTMAS PIG |
| BEAUTY     | DUR PIG   | HOPE  | LUNCH BOX      | POWER    | THE LOSER         |
| BLUE BUNNY | HAPPINESS | JACK  | OPTIMISM       | PRETENSE | THE PRINCIPLES    |



# DOOR HANGER CRAFT

Print this page on cardstock using a color printer. Cut out the image along the solid black lines. Fold on the red center seam.

Adventuring  
in the  
Land of the Lost!

To create a two-sided door hanger, tape the open edges together to seal. Cut along the dotted lines to hang on a doorknob.

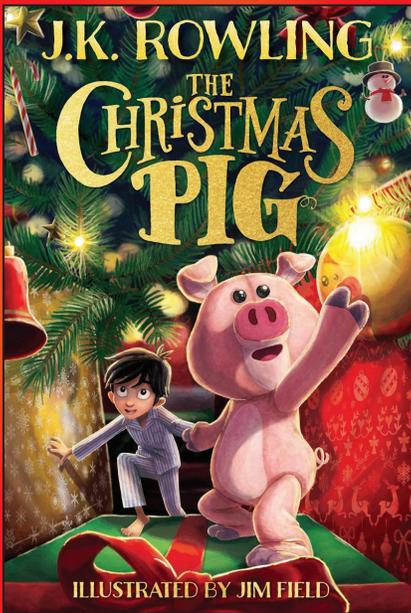
All Things  
Welcome!

COME BACK  
LATER.

COME IN!

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In 2020, she returned to publishing for younger children with the fairy tale *The Ickabog*, which she initially published for free online for children in lockdown, later donating all her book royalties to help vulnerable groups affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Watch Jim Field draw the Christmas Pig here: <https://www.scholastic.com/site/thechristmaspig.html>

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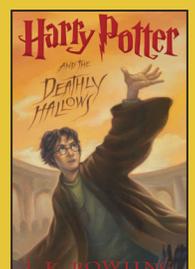
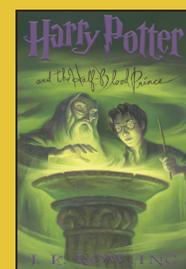
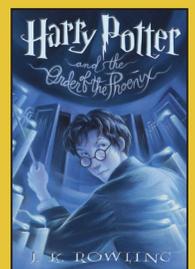
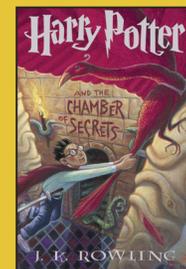
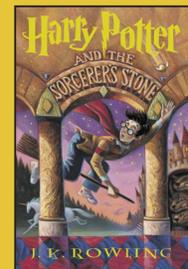


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