

Trouble on the St. Johns River

Family Activities

Directions: Below are descriptions of some scenes from the book *Trouble on the St. Johns River* and some suggestions for discussions or activities parents and caregivers can share with their kids.

Fishing – In Chapter 1, Joey and Bobby are not able to go fishing in their favorite fishing pond because of the pollution.

1. Have you ever gone fishing before? If so, what did you catch?
2. Discuss why you think it's important that we preserve and protect the environment around us.

Bullies

1. In Chapter 19, Joey and Bobby see two boys who are bothering a manatee. Do you think they were right in trying to stop them or was that dangerous?
2. Discuss what you think is the best way to deal with bullies.

Your Neighborhood - In chapter 22, the kids make flyers to distribute, giving neighbors suggestions on how everyone can help protect the environment.

1. Draw a map of your neighborhood. Discuss places where you have been and any neighbors who you know.
2. Are there places in your neighborhood that are good for attracting birds and butterflies, like the Backyard Habitat that Katy made with her grandmother in Chapter 13.

News Stories – In Chapter 23, Joey and his family are on the evening news.

1. Why do you think the news story about Joey and his family was important?
2. Do you think it's important for people to watch the news?
3. Watch the news on TV with your family and discuss some of the stories.