

Mercan - Family Story Set



Memories and different viewpoints

2 stories | 2 coloring pages | 2 seek-and-find activities. Ages 4-8: read together; ages 9-12: create alternative endings.

Mercan and the Sea Pocket



Mercan went to the seaside with family. A small shell lay on the sand, covered in fine curves. “May I put it in my pocket?” the kitten asked. Mum bent down and suggested looking together first.

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They noticed a tiny movement nearby. Could something be living inside? Mercan drew a hand back. "When we are unsure, we can leave it where it is," Mum said. They watched without turning or touching the shell.

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Mercan wanted a memory to take home, then remembered the sketchbook. “Could its picture come with me?” the kitten asked. In the shade, Mercan drew the curves using little lines of their own.

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Dad pointed to a distant wave. Mercan drew it beside the shell. A sibling added footprints in the sand. The picture was not the real shell, but their different discoveries were gathering on one page.

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Before leaving, they looked toward the shell once more. Mercan waved. They had taken no sand or living things. The sketchbook held curved lines, and the kitten remembered the sea's sound and the family's laughter.

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At home, Mercan displayed the drawing. “The sea is in my memory, not my pocket,” the kitten said. A sibling added a sun while listening to the story. Their memory page grew a little larger.

Mercan and Three Stories of One Day



That evening Mercan began telling the seaside story. “The kite was the best part,” the kitten said. A sibling preferred the sandcastle. Dad remembered a visiting gull. One day was becoming three different stories.

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“But the kite was much nicer,” Mercan insisted. The sibling put a drawing away. Mum brought blank paper. “We can enjoy different things. Would everyone like to draw a memory?” she asked.

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Mercan drew the curling kite string. The sibling made a tall castle doorway. Dad described the gull's funny walk. Mum drew a leaf found on their picnic cloth. None of the pictures needed to correct another one.

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They showed their drawings in turn. Mercan laughed at the gull's walk, a detail the kitten had missed. The sibling remembered the kite landing once. Both smiled while telling how they had lifted it together.

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They placed the sheets side by side to make one coast. The kite flew above, the castle stood on sand, and the gull visited the cloth. Mercan drew paths between them. Every memory had its own place in the story.

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Before bedtime they looked at the page. “I remembered only one part,” Mercan said. “Together we can tell more,” the sibling replied. Tomorrow would bring another day, with different eyes finding different lovely details.

Mercan - Coloring 1



Choose your own colors. When you finish, tell your family what is happening in your picture.

Mercan - Coloring 2



Choose your own colors. When you finish, tell your family what is happening in your picture.

Hidden Objects on Mercan's Seaside Trip



Find: Heart ornament, Bell, Carrot, Feather, Large button, Crescent moon

Hidden Objects in Mercan's Memory Room



Find: Heart ornament, Bell, Carrot, Feather, Large button, Crescent on the floor

Keep Exploring Together

Mercan is a kitten who loves exploring the coast with family and discovers that everyone can remember a different part of the same day.

Remember a day together and invite everyone to draw one chosen detail. Combine the drawings on a memory page. No photos or personal information need to be shared.

How could you remember something without taking it home?

What detail did you love in the day? What do others remember?

Suggested use: one story, one activity and a short conversation each time. Follow the child's interest; finishing is optional. These activities are not developmental tests or diagnostic tools.