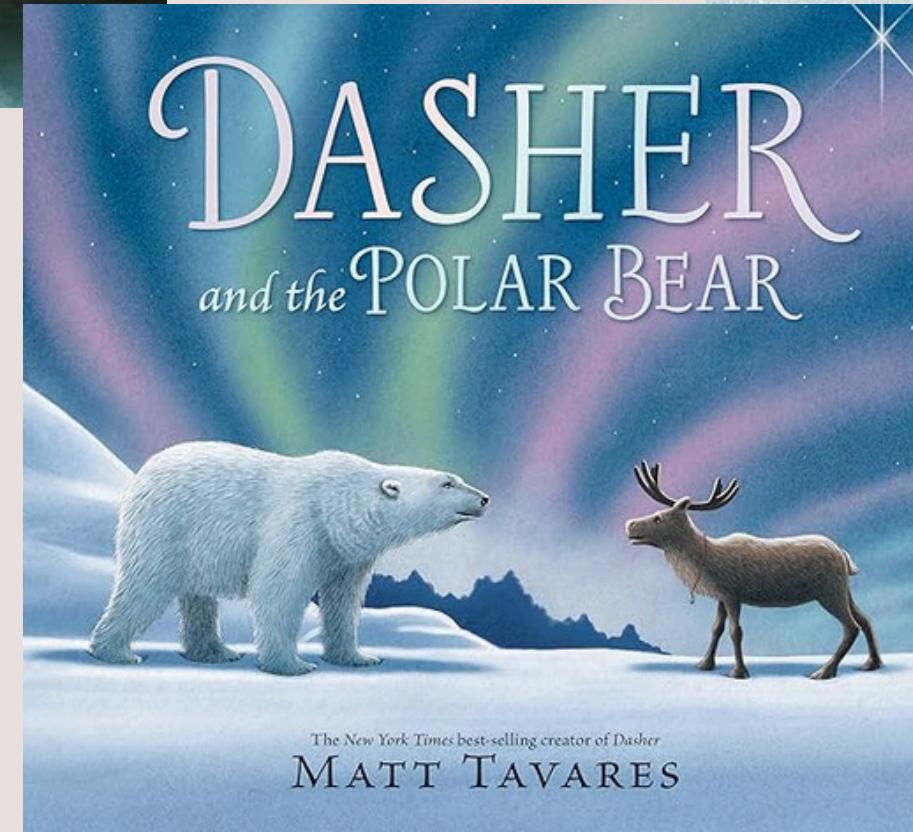
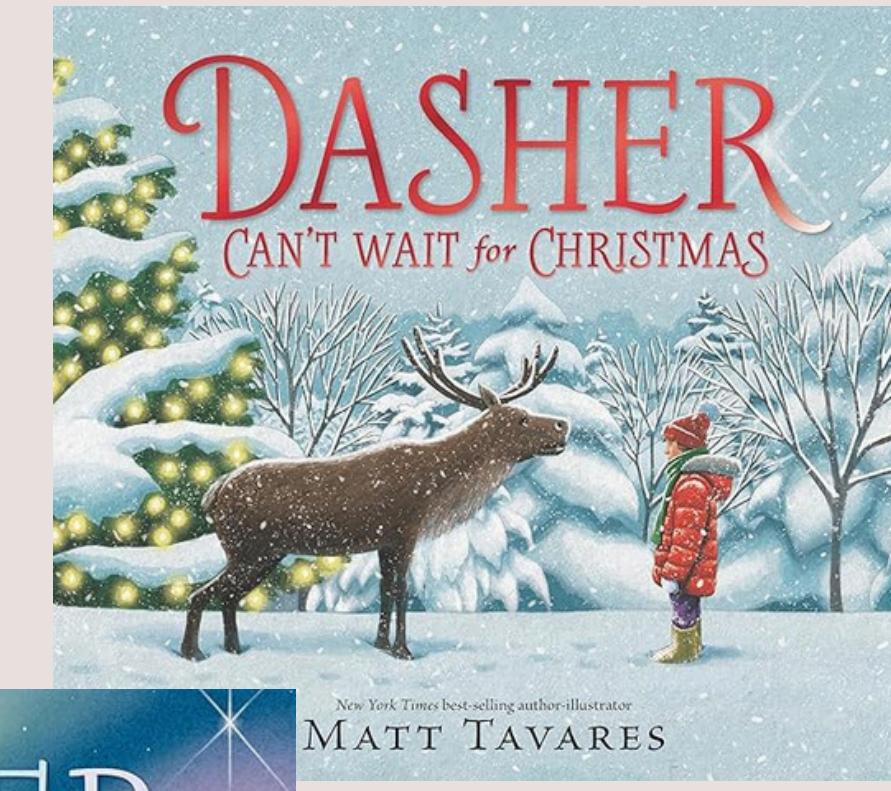
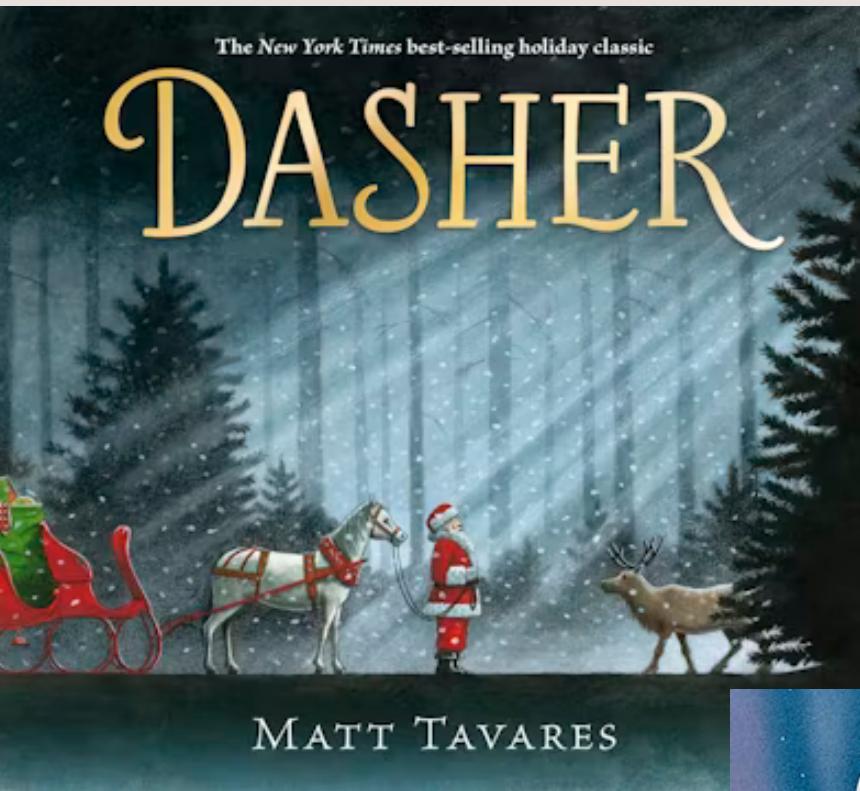


READ ALOUD PLANS AND FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES FOR DASHER SERIES OF BOOKS



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Educator Guide

Lesson ideas, extension, and art ideas are inspired by the picture books in **The Dasher Series**. Educators are invited to select the activities that will work for their students. The activities we create can be adapted so that all learners can access. For classroom use only. Templates can be downloaded and printed for single classroom use only.



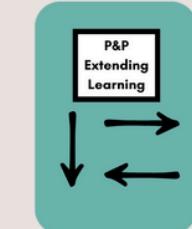
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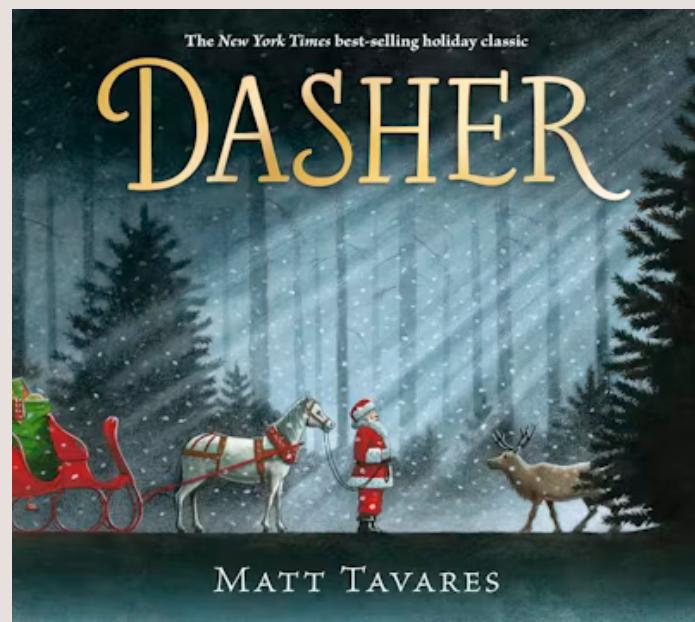


READ ALOUD PLAN

Comprehension strategy: Predicting



Before 1st Reading:



Supporting background knowledge, discussing title and cover of the book as you share a summary of the story. This read aloud the focus will be on predicting, however we are not separating vocabulary building, and other comprehension strategies. We will think aloud stressing the predicting as appropriate.

Introduce Dasher the main character of this story. Bring attention to the main character when looking at the cover and what might be happening in that moment. What do you see/notice on the cover. In this story Dasher is part of the circus, but one day he escapes and finds his way north.

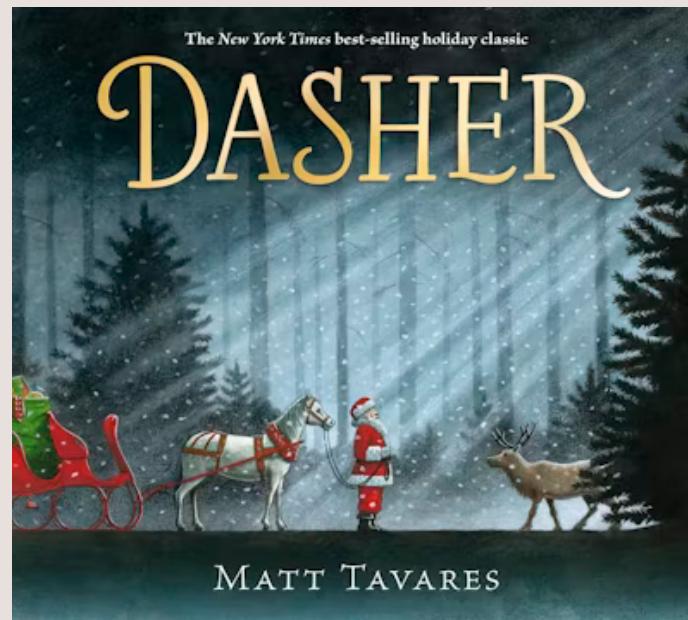
Guess what happens next?



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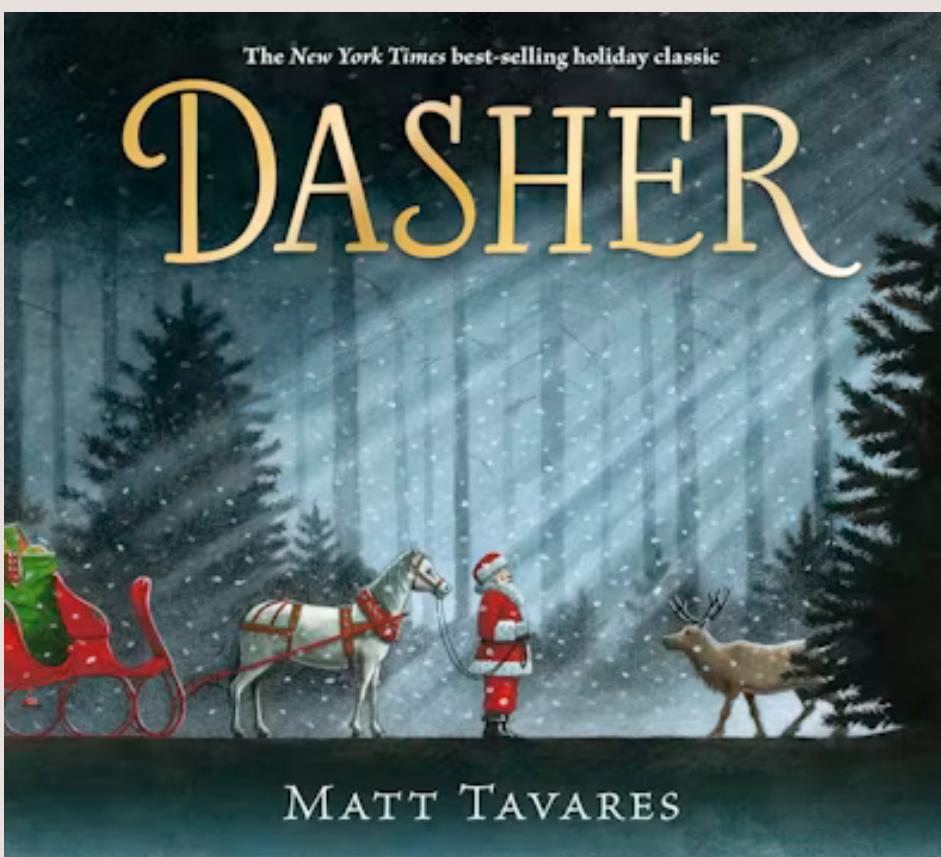


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Comprehension strategy: Predicting During Reading



Pause when you first meet the character and share “This is the main character...” Share your thoughts about what is happening, in this reading educator does most of the talking. With each reading go in to more detail and encourage the children to retell the story, increasing their talk time and decreasing educator talk.

What do you think is happening next? (find place where it makes sense to pause). I think/I predict that...

Over the next readings invite children to predict what will happen next.



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After Reading .



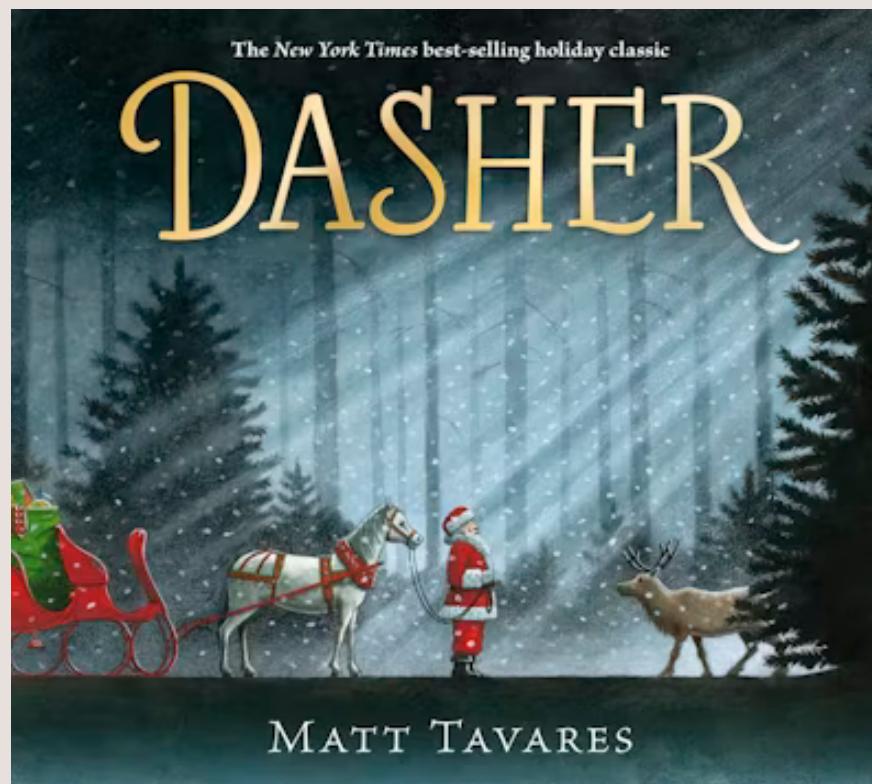
Select one of the following questions :

How do you think Dasher is feeling about leaving his family behind?

How was Dasher's family feeling when they found Dasher was gone?

Does Dasher remind you of anyone in real life who is brave? Or a character from another story?

Do you think Dasher will have other adventures? Why?



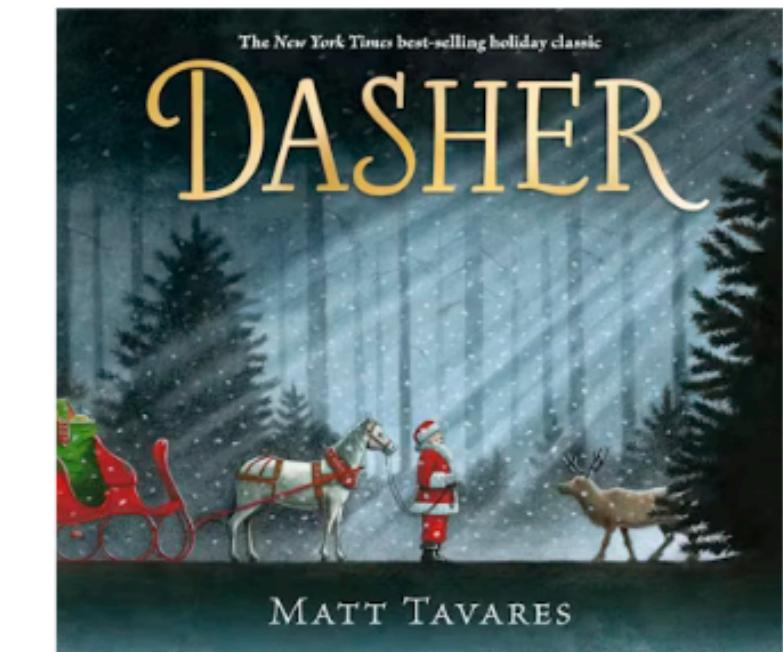
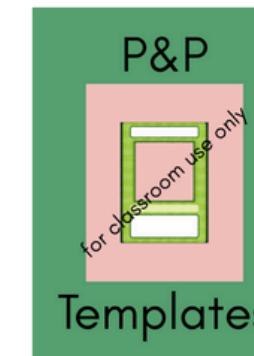
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FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY



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**The Story In Your
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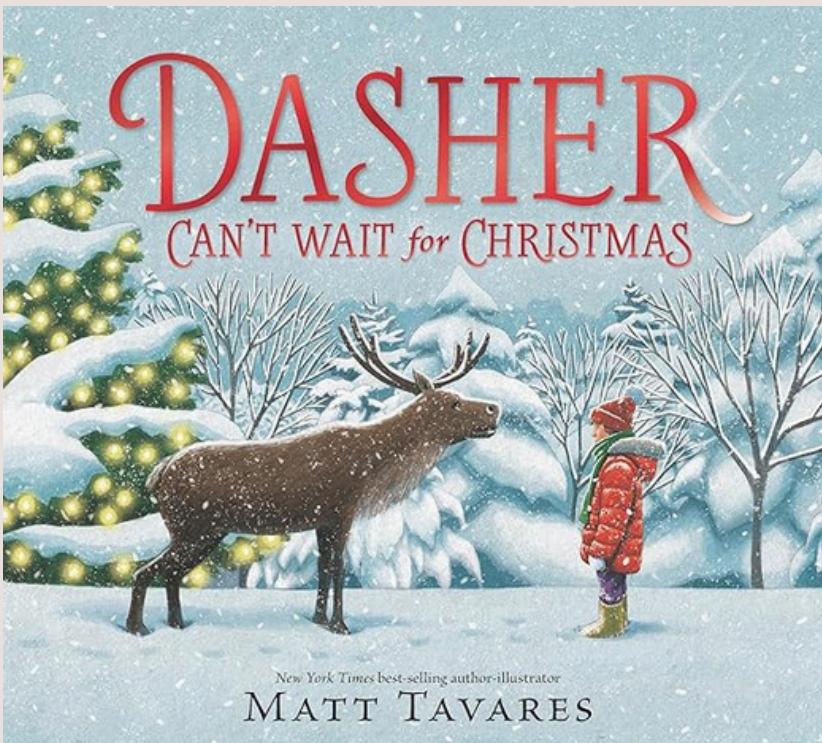


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Elements of the Story

Before 1st Reading:



Supporting background knowledge, discussing title and cover of the book as you share a summary of the story. This read aloud the focus will be on the problem of the story (CSPAR), however we are not separating vocabulary building, and other comprehension strategies. We will think aloud pausing where it makes sense to discuss the problem in the story

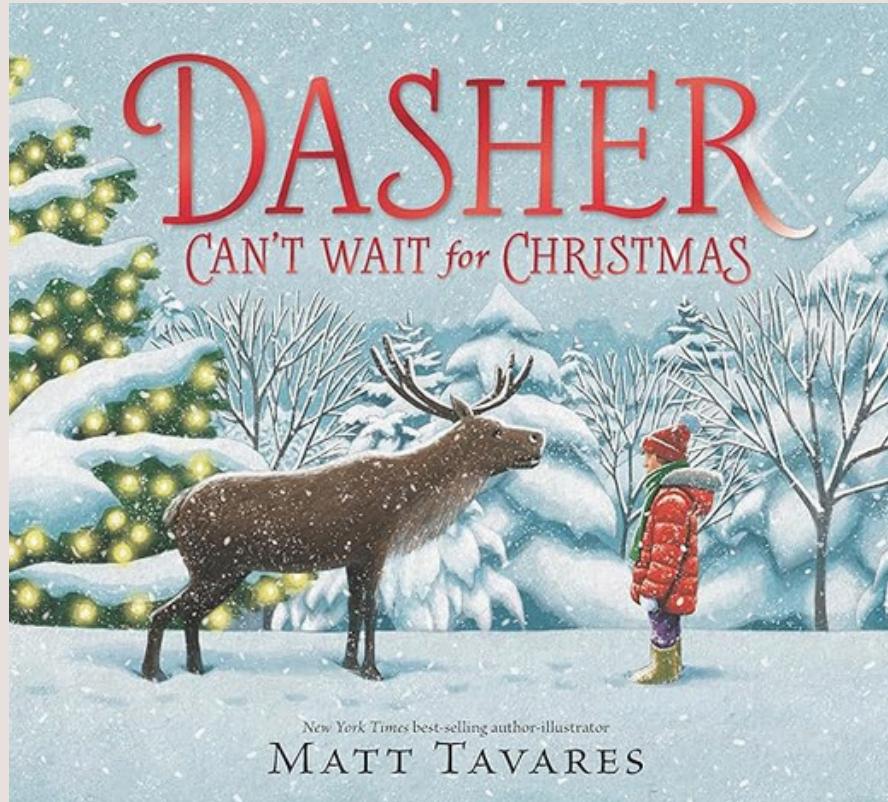
Introduce Dasher the main character of this story. Bring attention to the main character when looking at the cover and what might be happening in that moment. What do you see/notice on the cover. In this story Dasher is so excited about Christmas, he just can't wait any longer and he wants to see what all the festivities are about. So he leaves to go to the town and then he can't find his way back to Santa!



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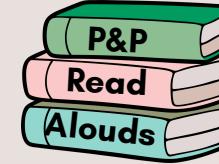


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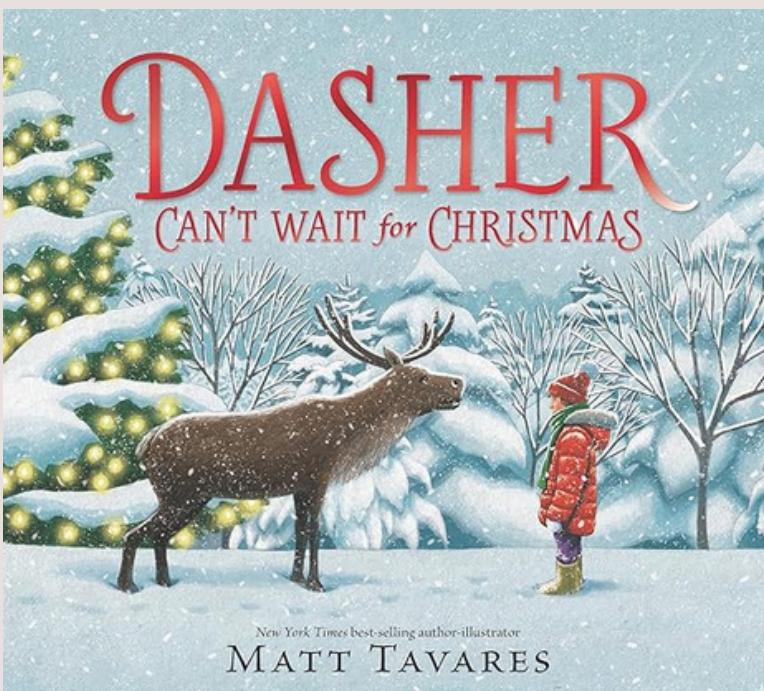


During Reading

Do you remember the other story we read about Dasher? Do you remember what happened? (if students have read the first book in the series)

Let's find out why Dasher can't wait.

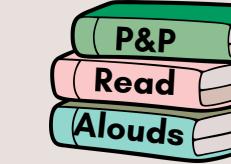
Pausing to think out loud where you feel is appropriate. For example: Why does Dasher keep asking how many days til Christmas? (Pgs. 3-4)



Where is Dasher going? (Festivities)

What is the problem in the story (Dasher can't find the North Star)

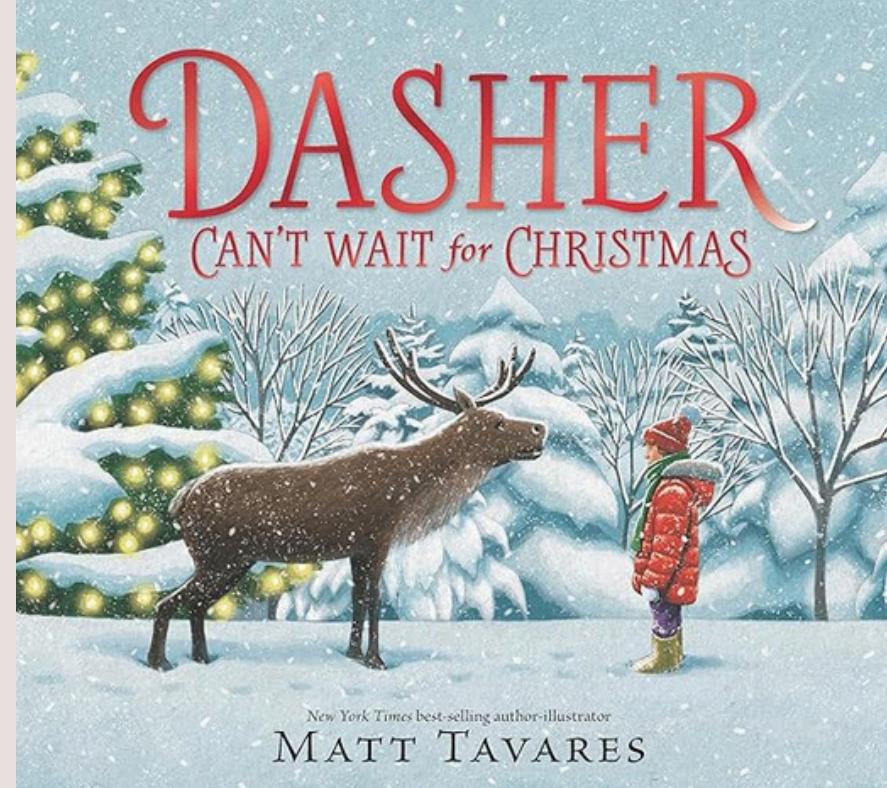
What is Dasher going to do now?



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After Reading



What was the problem? How did the problem get solved? What were the actions that helped? How does Dasher find his way home?

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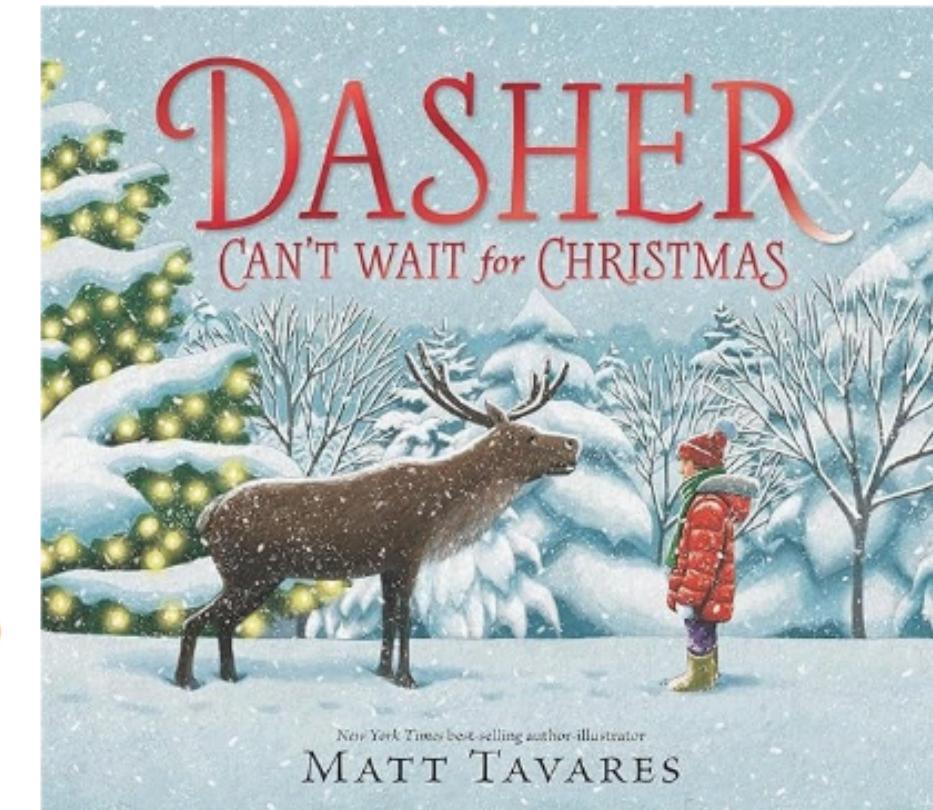
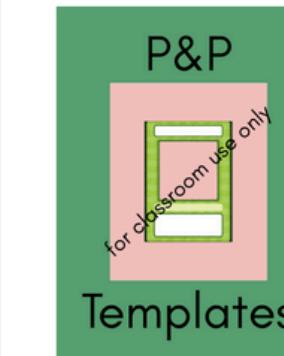
What do you think Dasher could have done differently so that he wouldn't get lost again?

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What happened next?



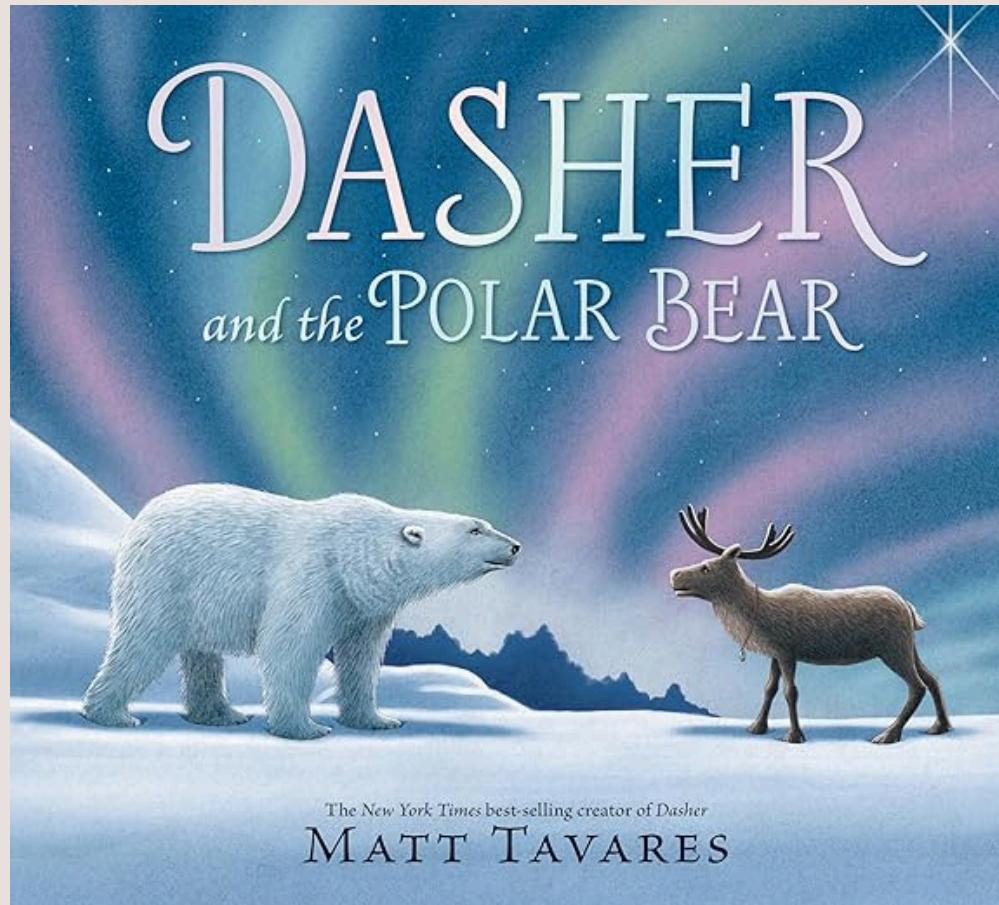
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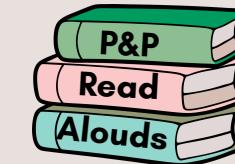


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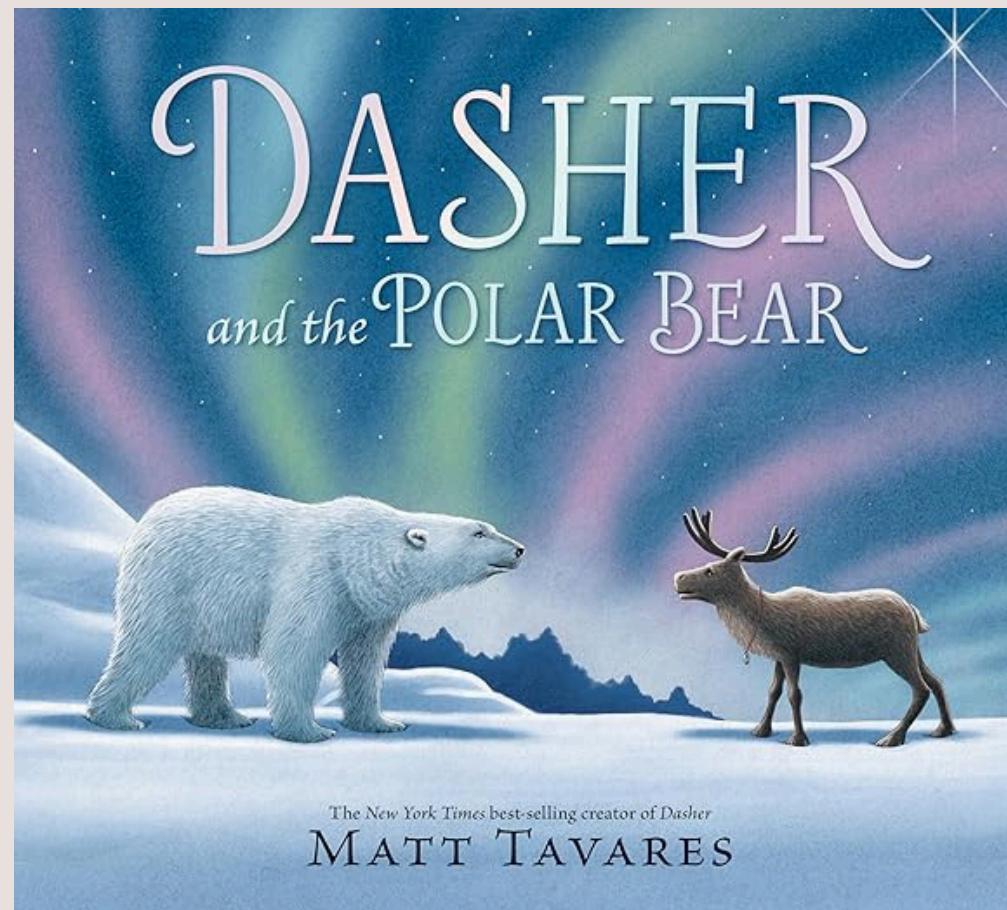


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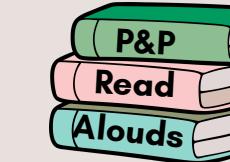


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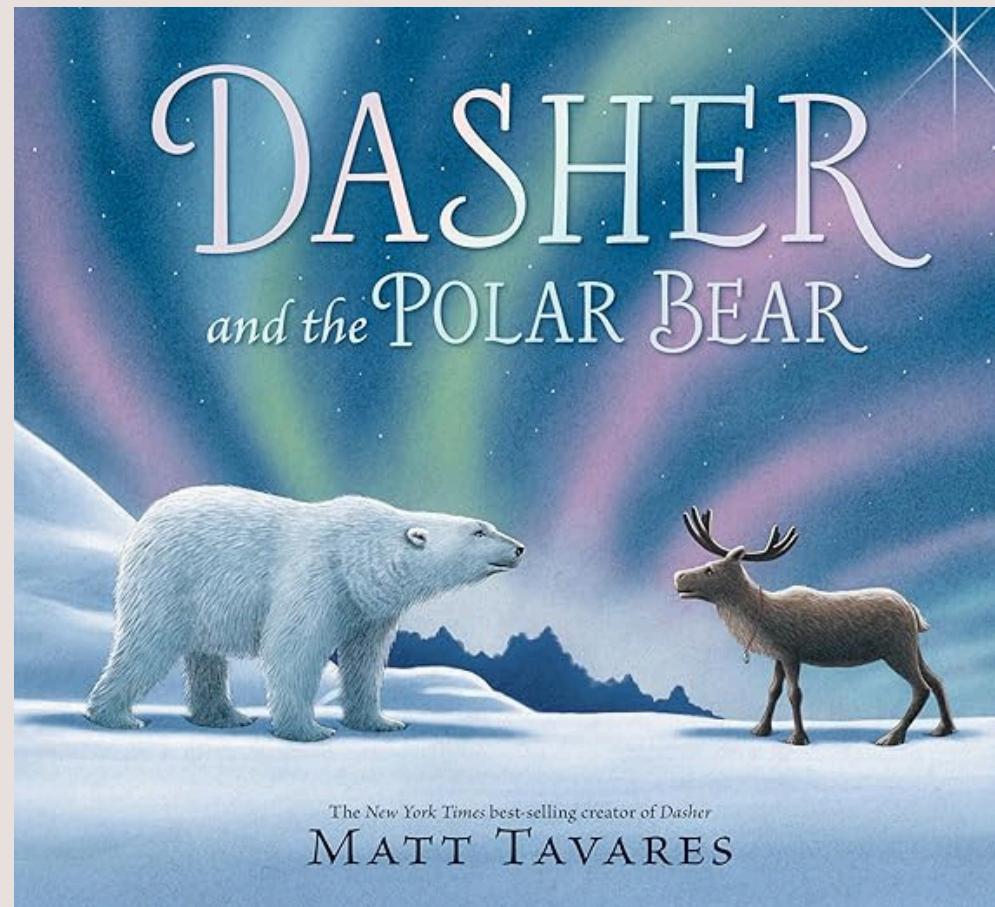


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Before 1st Reading:

As you read share your thinking out loud. Pause on pg. 11 and invite the children to make predictions. Then as a follow up invite the children to write or draw what happens next. See the templates on slide #17

What do you think is happening next? (find place where it makes sense to pause). I think/I predict that...

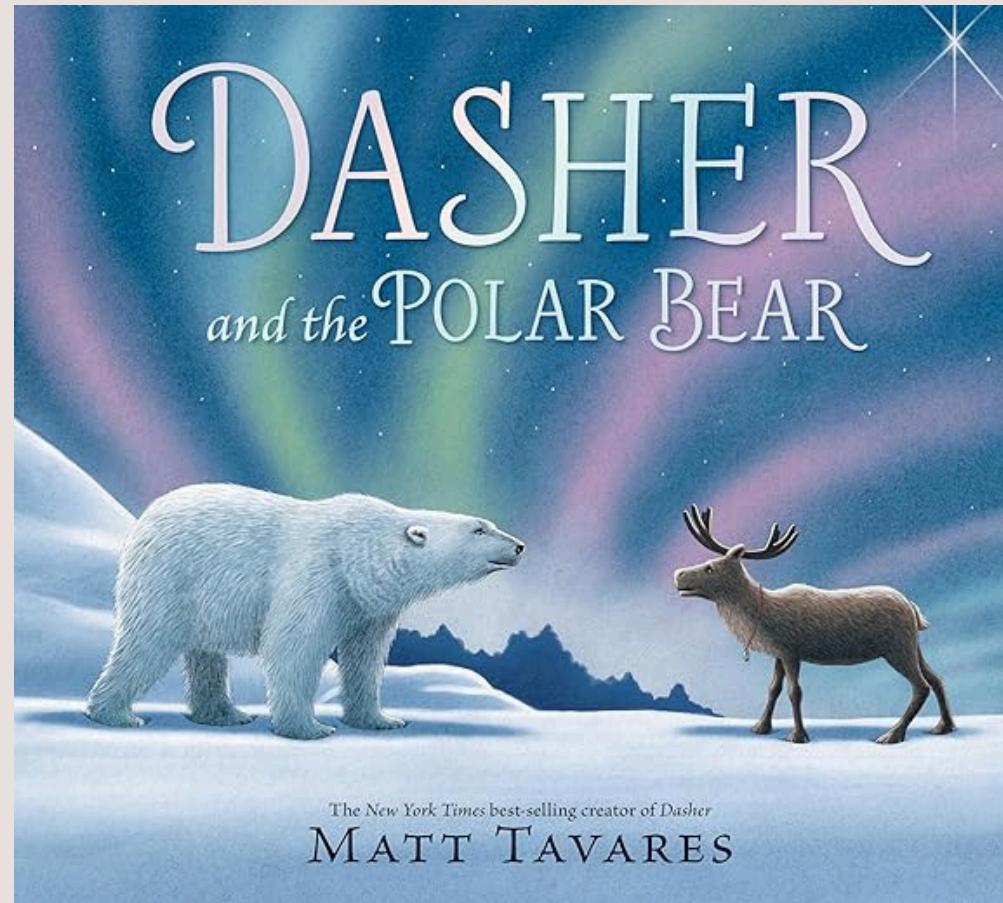
Over the next readings invite children to predict what will happen next.



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After Reading



Select one or two questions from the list below:

What was the polar bear's wish? How did Dasher help him to get his wish?

What was the same and different about this story the other Dasher books?

What is the author's message?

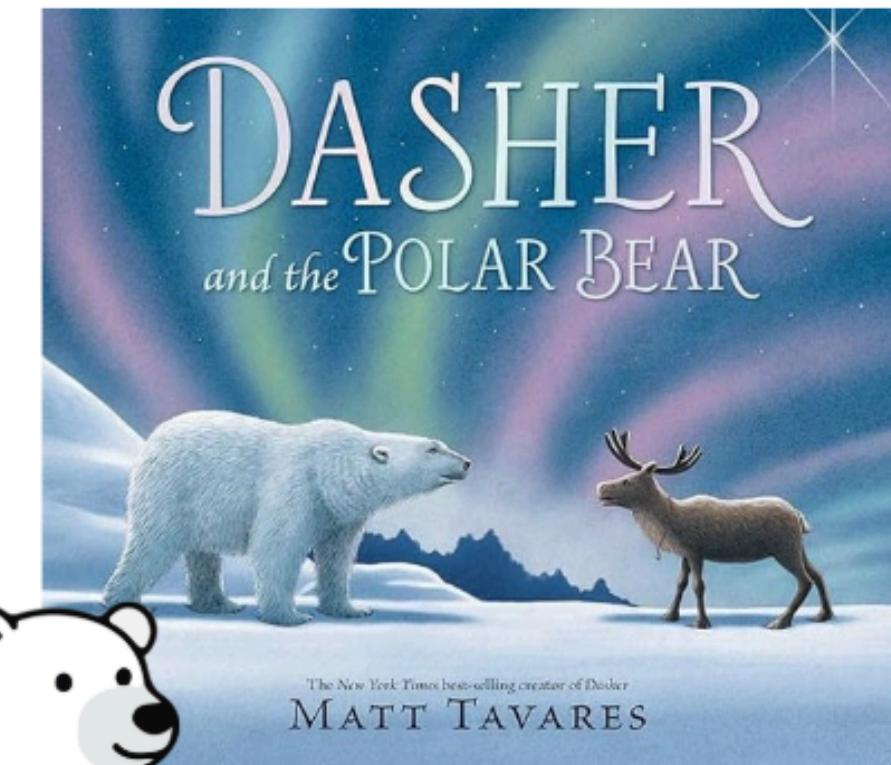
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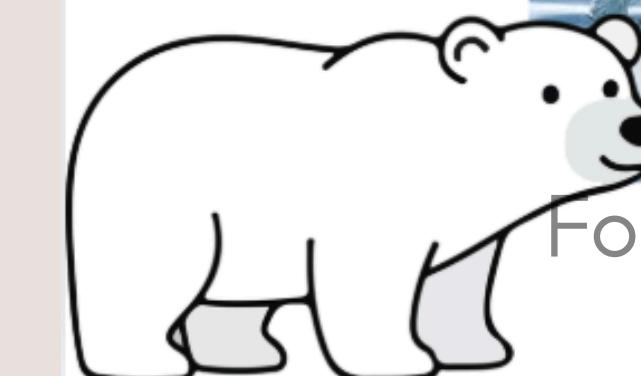
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What would you wish for?



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WRITING A NARRATIVE



Create Dasher's Next Christmas Adventure

What new adventure will Dasher have?

Creating a narrative starts with the planning. Who are the characters? Where does this story take place? What happens? How is the problem solved? How does it end?

If this is a new activity, be sure to have mini-lessons where as a small group children create a narrative together with adult guidance to model.

Planning template included in **Educator Kit**.



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Create Dasher's Next Adventure





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two eyes either draw and cut out
or googly eyes

four popsicle sticks natural colour
or painted brown



draw antlers or pre-cut from
brown construction paper

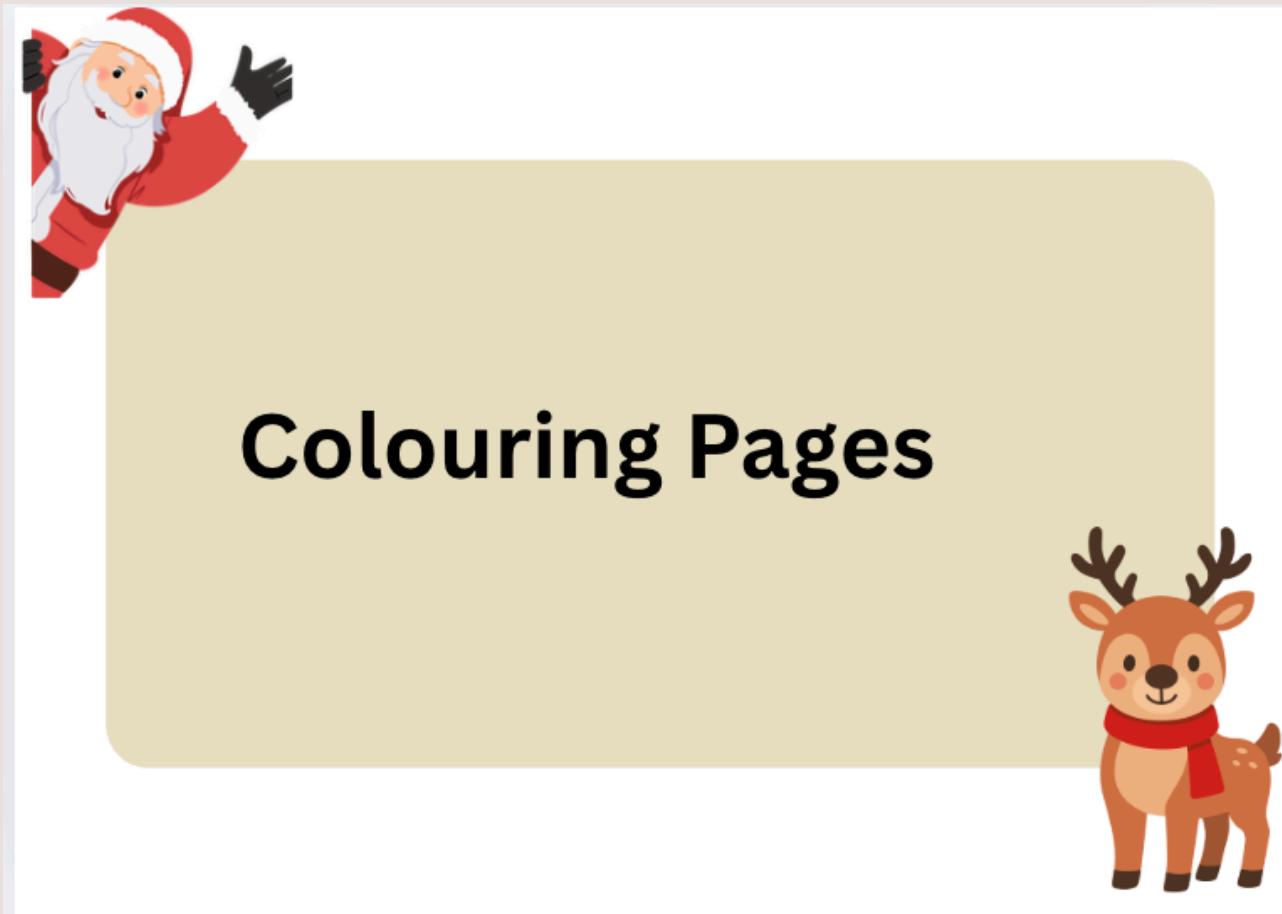
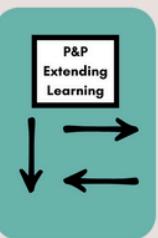
draw/paint red nose or red pom pom
and a happy smile

add red ribbon and a red bow (or of
your choosing)



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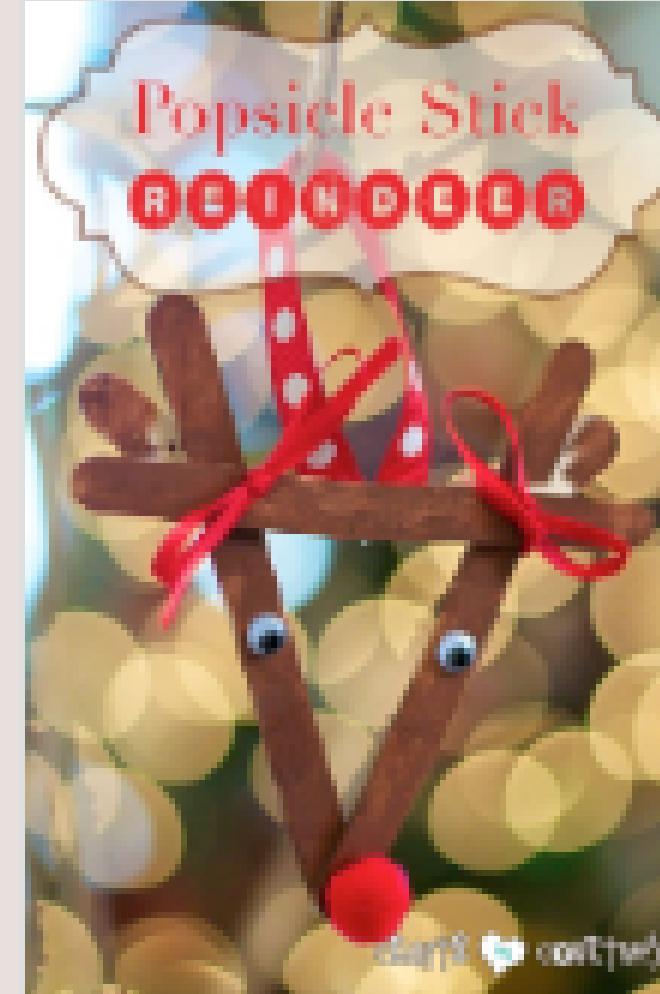
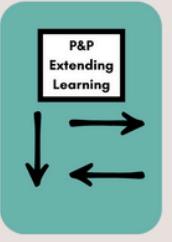
COLOURING REINDEER AND SANTA



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