

Joey and the Deep, Dark Hole

Once there was a boy called Joey. He had red hair, rosy cheeks and new wellington boots. Joey's favourite toy was a shiny, red car. He played with it in his garden. He played with it in his bedroom. He even played with it at the park. One day in his garden, he pushed it too far and it fell into a deep, dark hole. Oh no! His red car had disappeared!

Joey searched under the trees and he checked beneath the bushes. He looked everywhere but it was nowhere to be found! It must be down that deep, dark hole he thought. Joey peered down the hole to catch a glimpse but the hole had hidden his shiny, red car. Joey was heartbroken.

So, Joey asked his friends for help.

"Have you seen my shiny, red car?" He asked.

First, he asked Katie but she said "no!"

Next, he asked Lucy but she said "NO!"

Finally, he asked Ben but he said "**NO!**"

Joey sat and cried, wondering if he would ever see his shiny, red car again.

Later that week, Joey saw something quite remarkable! His shiny, red car rocketed out of the deep, dark hole. Joey was delighted. He held the car tight and kept it safe for evermore. After, he pondered "I wonder what is down that deep dark hole? I wonder what threw it back?"

Follow up questions to ask your child after reading the text.

Paragraph	Suggested Questions:
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does Joey look like?• What did Joey like doing with his special car?• What do you think Joey's favourite colour is? Explain why.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where did Joey look for his car?• Where had the car gone?
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who did Joey ask to help him?• Why do you think Joey's Dad wouldn't help?
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do you think Joey felt when he couldn't find his car?• How do you think he felt when he found it?