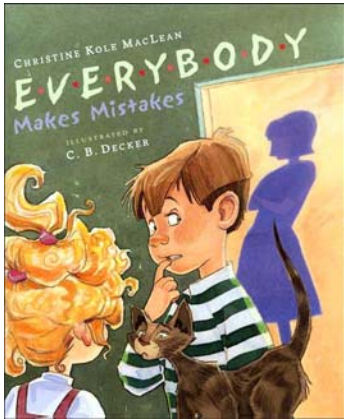


EVERYBODY MAKES MISTAKES

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Just *what* did Jack do that was so bad? As he sits in time-out in his room, Jack compares his one little mistake to the much bigger ones other people have made, like the time Mom made him wear his sister's bunny mittens and hat to school, or when Dad broke the Monster-Be-Gone spray, or when the waitress mistook Jack for a girl, or when the teacher accidentally sat on Jack's snack. Kids will chuckle over all these mistakes and the way they build up to the biggest one of all. Read EVERYBODY MAKES MISTAKES to see just what Jack did that makes for so much trouble and so much fun!

"Kids will laugh about Jack and about their own embarrassing moments. Other people's mess-ups make for great fun...an entertaining read-aloud." — © 2005 Booklist

"Realistic illustrations will make children laugh as they learn that anyone really can make a mistake. Entertaining and clever." — © 2005 Kirkus

FUN ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Math

Count how many mistakes characters make in this story. Look on all the pages! Put them on small slips of paper and line them up from smallest mistake to biggest. Tell a friend why you chose that order.

The art in this book has lots of repeating shapes or designs. For example, there's Jack's shirt, the bedding, the tiles, a soccer ball, etc. With a friend, see how many patterns you can find in the art. Use graph paper to draw your own pattern or copy one from the book.

Science

What ingredients do you think you'd need to make Monster-Be-Gone spray? Write a recipe and have a grown-up help you make a bottle of it for anyone who worries about monsters in their bedrooms.

What's growing on the shelf in Jack's classroom? Try to sprout different kinds of seeds. How long do they take to sprout? Which grows faster? Make a graph.

The cover of this book shows Mom's shadow. Figure out why shadows happen. Why do they change shape? Use flashlights in a dark room or under a blanket to make your own shadows.

Language Arts

What does permanent (as in *permanent marker*) mean? What kinds of things are permanent?

What words rhyme with mistake? Make a big list, then put each word on a small scrap of paper. Sort them by spelling.

Make your own pretend restaurant menus.

Write the steps for making cupcakes on a recipe card. Use words and pictures.

Find pictures of mistakes in old magazines. Glue them on paper and write the name of the mistake on the page. Put them together to make your own "Everybody Makes Mistakes" book.

Interview people in your family. Ask them about mistakes they have made.



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A FEW MORE GOOD IDEAS!

Dramatic Play Kits

Dining Out

- Table cloth
- Napkins and rings
- Fancy plastic glasses, plates, and cutlery
- Menus
- Notepad, pencil
- Waiter's apron
- Trays
- Plastic food
- Play money

Wedding

- Bride and groom clothes
- Fancy hats and purses
- Silk flower bouquets
- Pretend wedding cake (use foam, felt, & bric-a-brac!)
- Wedding march music

Beauty Shop

- Combs, brushes, spray bottles
- Mirrors
- Old hair dryers with the cords cut off
- Foam curlers
- Makeup brushes and powder puffs
- Capes
- Broom and dustpan

Creative Arts

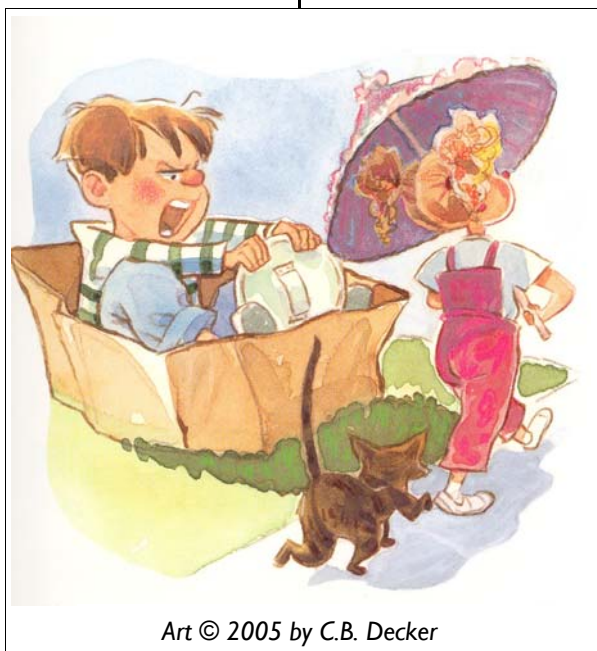
Use markers to draw makeup on magazine pictures.

Draw a picture of yourself wearing party makeup or with a bad haircut.

Use paint or markers to fill a page with a pattern you invent. It could use lines or shapes or colors or a combination.

Make a monster mask using paper plates and scrap materials from around the house.

Draw a picture of a big mistake.



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Have a grownup use a work light or lamp to cast your shadow and trace around your silhouette. If you have extra time, pose different ways and trace those shadows: angry, sad, happy, etc.

(If you don't have a light or a grownup handy, you can lie on the floor on a giant piece of paper and have a friend trace your body outline with a **WASHABLE** marker.)

Problem-Solving/Social Skills

What kind of mistakes have you made? How did you fix them?

Make a list of the mistakes characters in this book made. Why do you think they happened? How could the characters do better next time?

Play soccer. Make your own rules if you don't have a lot of players.

Think of some other solutions for Jack when his Monster-Be-Gone spray breaks.

Fine Motor Coordination

Practice tying shoes.

Using leftover makeup or face-paints, play beauty shop with a grownup.

Make tissue paper and pipe-cleaner flower bouquets.

Check out a library book that shows how to fold napkins into shapes. Set a fancy table for a special meal.