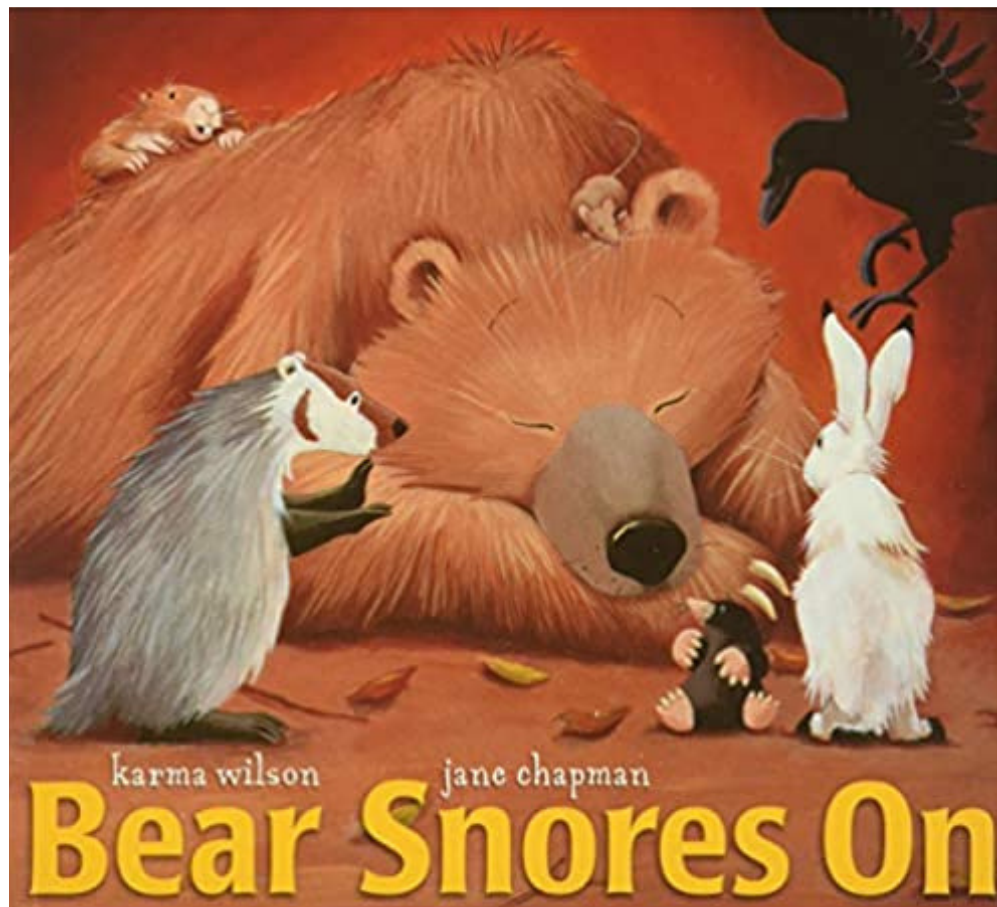


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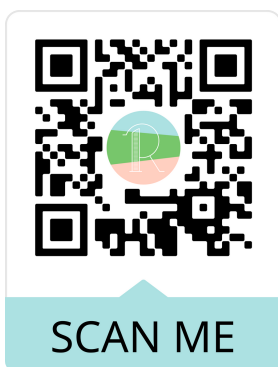
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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This guide is a feast; don't try to do everything in it. Just pick and choose what appeals to you! Remember that the goal isn't to get it done; the goal is to fall more in love with books—and more in love with each other.



 We recommend printing this guide. Then scan the QR code for easy access to all of the links. You will need to be logged in to RAR Premium to view them.

HOW TO USE A QR CODE:

Position your phone's camera as if to take a picture of the code. When a notification appears at the top of your screen, tap it!

SCHEDULING YOUR FAMILY BOOK CLUB

Pick and choose from the feast of ideas in this guide based on what appeals to your family's interests. Take your own energy level into account as well.

On the following page, you'll find suggestions for using this guide to take a quick dip into the book (completing your Family Book Club in a single day), or enjoying a longer linger (spreading out your Family Book Club over a whole month).

Remember that the most important piece of any book club is *sharing the story*. If all you do is read aloud the book with your kids, that is a win.



Read the picture book with your kids before watching the Looking Closely video. This allows your kids to meet the book on their own terms. After watching the Looking Closely video, you can reread the book to take a closer look!





A QUICK DIP

Do your Family Book Club in a single day.

1. Read *Bear Snores On* and choose one activity from the SHARE AN EXPERIENCE section that suits you. (The food activity often works well for this, as you're probably making meals anyway!)
2. Watch the LOOKING CLOSELY video, then reread the picture book.
3. Choose one question from the LET'S TALK ABOUT IT section to discuss at the dinner table.



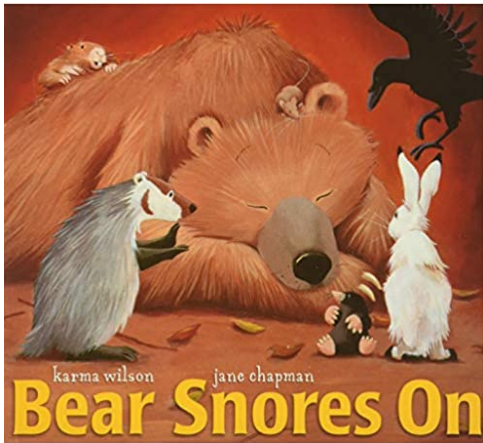
A LONGER LINGER

If you'd like to spread your Family Book Club over the month, try a schedule like this.

- WEEK 1: Read *Bear Snores On* and choose one activity from the SHARE AN EXPERIENCE section that suits you. You may also like to start memorizing the poem in the POETRY section.
- WEEK 2: Watch the LOOKING CLOSELY video and reread the book. If you like, choose another activity from the SHARE AN EXPERIENCE section and/or continue memorizing the poem, or choose something from the NATURE STUDY section to do.
- WEEK 3: Keep memorizing the poem. Choose a few questions from the LET'S TALK ABOUT IT section to discuss at the dinner table or during an afternoon snack.
- WEEK 4: Watch the drawing video in the ART section, and visit your local library to borrow titles from the RECOMMENDED READING section.



About the Book



TITLE	Bear Snores On
AUTHOR	Karma Wilson
ILLUSTRATOR	Jane Chapman
RECOMMENDED FOR	Ages 3-10

*In a cave in the woods,
in his deep, dark lair,
through the long, cold winter
sleeps a great brown bear.*

One by one, a whole host of different animals and birds find their way out of the cold and into Bear's cave to warm up. But even after the tea has been brewed and the corn has been popped, Bear just snores on!

Meet the Author

Karma Wilson is the author of over 40 picture books and collections of poetry. She lives on a ranch in Montana with her husband and a couple of cats... and homeschooled her own kids when they were younger!



Tuesday, October 25, 2022
11am PT / 12pm MT / 1pm CT / 2pm ET

- [Click here for details](#)
- Submit questions for the illustrator by 10/22
- [Afterward, you'll find the video replay right here](#)

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Looking Closely



[WATCH SARAH INTRODUCE THIS BOOK](#)

5-minute watch

FORESHADOWING

On the second page, what do you see in the illustrations that hints at what's coming? This is called foreshadowing. Sometimes it's done with words, and sometimes (like in this case), it's done with pictures. When authors and illustrators foreshadow, they give us a peek at what's coming next. Can you think of any instances of foreshadowing in books you've read? (Hint: grab a Jan Brett book from the shelf!)



WARM AND COOL TEMPERATURE

Notice which colors the illustrator Jane Chapman has chosen to use when drawing the outside vs the inside. During [his visit to Read-Aloud Revival](#) to discuss *The Hundred-Year Barn*, Kenard Pak explained that “warm” colors like yellow, orange and red make us feel ... well, warm! “Cool” colors like green, purple, and blue can make the scene feel chilly. Do you see those colors at play here?

TYPOGRAPHY

Book designers use typography—or the way the text appears on the page—to help tell the story. What do you notice about the way the text appears in *Bear Snores On*? Why do you think the book designer made those choices? How does it help you read the story?



Let's Talk about It

Use the following questions with kids of all ages.

Asking open-ended questions is more important than getting compelling answers. We want to help our kids develop the habit of asking questions; this is how we raise discerning readers.

Rather than asking your kids these questions, feel free to simply start a conversation by answering one of the questions yourself. Modeling is very effective here.



For more tips and suggestions, use the [RAR 5 Questions Guide](#)



here's a tip

If your kids clam up or give one-word answers, try using these as discussion prompts rather than posing them as questions.

For example, you might say, "My favorite spread is when Bear sneezes. Which spread is your favorite?"

OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

- How is Bear like the other animals? How is he different?
- Should the animals have snuck into the cave?
- Should they have had a party while Bear slept?
- Does Bear remind you of any other characters in books you've read recently?
- What surprised you most about this story?



Share an Experience

CHOOSE FROM THESE IDEAS TO MAKE A MEMORY AROUND THE BOOK

Popcorn and Tea

Pop popcorn and make tea! Need suggestions? [Here are a few tea favorites from the forum.](#)



Honey Nuts

Badger brings honey-nuts to the party. You can purchase some for snacking, or if your crew is OK with a bit of spice, try [Modern Mrs Darcy's recipe](#). And if you need one, here is a [nut-free trail mix](#).



Watch Karma Wilson Read Aloud

Watch Karma Wilson read more adventures from her series about Bear in these videos:

▶ [Bear's New Friend](#)

▶ [Bear Can't Sleep](#)





Poetry

The Welsh poet W.H. Davies invites us to take time to look and listen to animals in the forest in his poem, "Leisure." You can listen to the poem read aloud on englishverse.com.

This would be a good poem to memorize or use as copywork. You'll find a printable version on the next page.

Karma has written two poetry collections in addition to her picture books, and they might just remind you of Shel Silverstein in their rhyme and playfulness! See if you can find these at your library or bookshop.

- [What's the Weather Inside?](#)
- [Outside of the Box](#)



Find the poem on the next page, where we've formatted it to easily print at home.



"Leisure"

W. H. DAVIES | 1871-1940

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?—

No time to stand beneath the boughs,
And stare as long as sheep and cows:

No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:

No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:

No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:

No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.





Art

In the mood to make some art featuring our new friend, bear? Here are a few options:



HOW TO DRAW A HIBERNATING BEAR

(Art Hub for Kids)



PAIN T A COZY HIBERNATING BEAR

(Deep Space Sparkle)

WHAT YOU NEED:

12x18 white paper

Black oil pastel or crayon

Cake tempera or pan watercolor paints

Medium round paintbrush

Q-tip

White liquid tempera paint



DRAW A REALISTIC BEAR

(Flying Pig Art)

Older kids and teens may like to try drawing this realistic bear — remember to use that pause button whenever you need to!

WHAT YOU NEED:

Paper

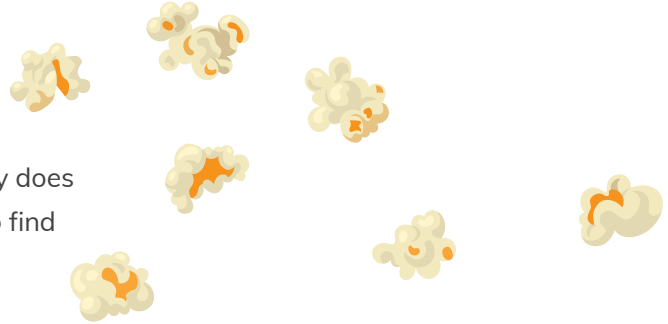
Pencil



Nature Study

HOW DOES POPCORN... POP?

Have you ever wondered how popcorn works? Why does it pop? Watch this short video from Nat Geo Kids to find out! [What makes popcorn POP?!](#)



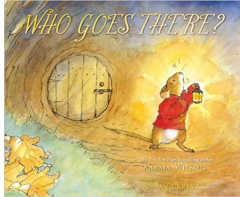
THE BEARS OF ALASKA

During our Bear Has a Story To Tell Family Book Club, we peeked in on the bears at Katmai National Park in Alaska. Let's check in on them again and see what they're up to now!

- ▶ www.explore.org/livecams/brown-bears/river-watch-brown-bear-salmon-cam
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Recommended Reading

More books from Karma Wilson

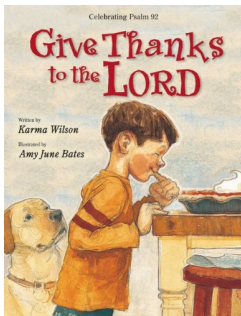


WHO GOES THERE?

Written by Karma Wilson, illustrated by Anna Currey

Best for: all ages

Sarah's favorite book by Karma Wilson, since it combines so many of her favorites: mice, of course, and a nod to C.S. Lewis and Joy Davidman

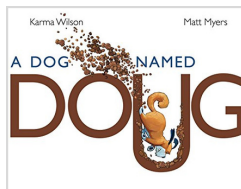


GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Written by Karma Wilson, illustrated by Amy June Bates

Best for: all ages

Keep reading Karma Wilson...just in time for Thanksgiving!



A DOG NAMED DOUG

Written by Karma Wilson, illustrated by Matt Myers

Best for: all ages

Dogs love to dig but one dog named Doug takes digging to new heights (and depths) in this laugh-out-loud picture book.



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