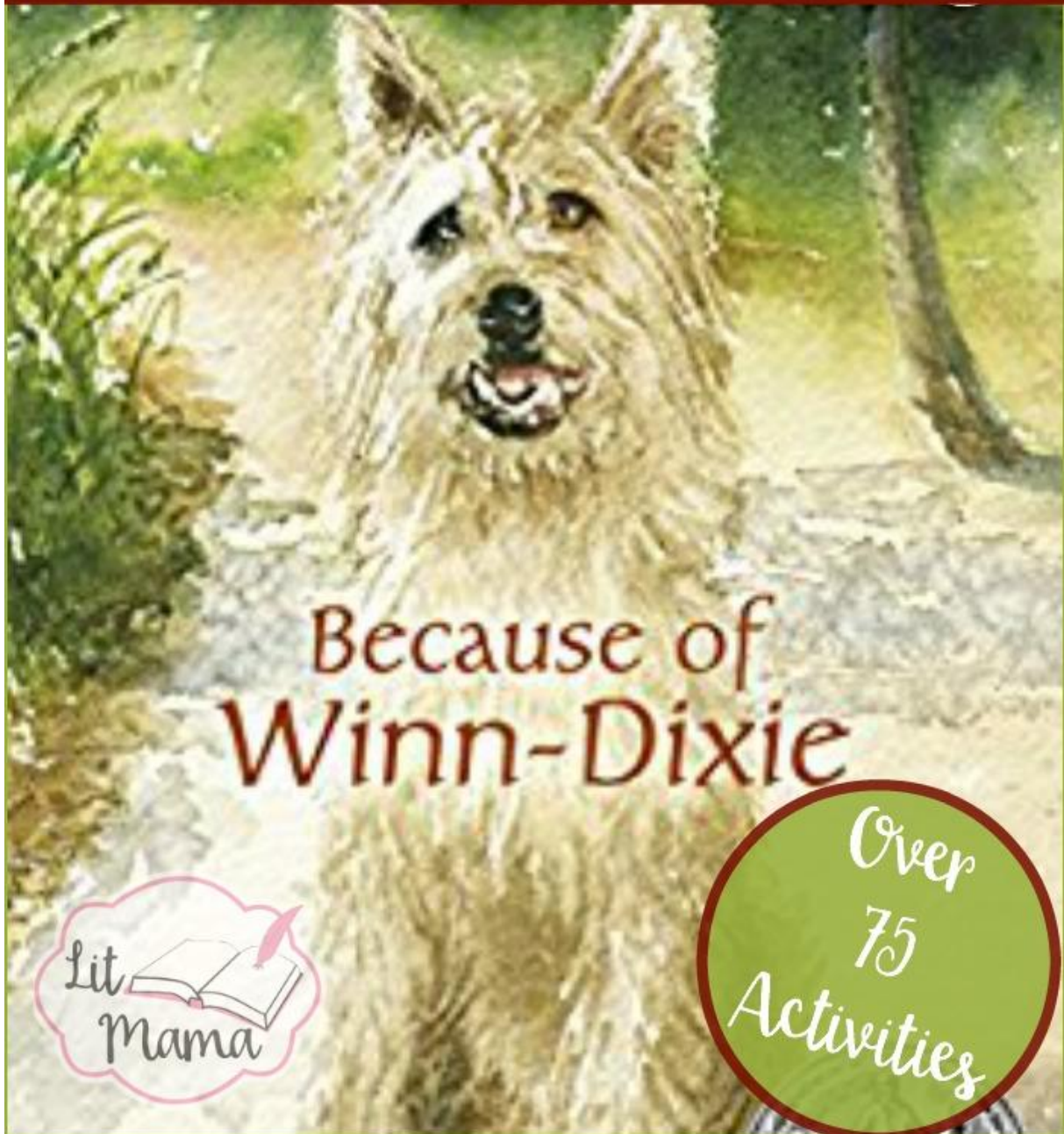


Activities for Learning



Because of
Winn-Dixie



Over
75
Activities

Note: Your child does not have to do every single one of these activities to deepen comprehension, but it is a good idea to pick at least a few from each category.

Diary entries

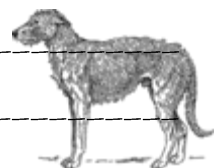
Write about:

- What is was or would be like to see an animal in the grocery store
- Your favorite pet or a pet you would like to have
- Have you ever moved to a new place? Write about what it was like or what you imagine it would be like
- What it is or would be like not to know one of your parents
- A time when you had to ask for something you really wanted but were afraid to ask
- List 10 things about your parent or caretaker
- A time when you felt especially lonely
- Describe your local public or school library. What does it look like? What's good about it? What's bad?
- Imagine you were doing your favorite activity and a bear walked up to you. Tell the story
- Tell everything about yourself
- Is there something you're very afraid of? How do you feel and what do you do when you encounter it?
- How it would feel to live in a cage all the time
- Your favorite place to be in the summer
- The kinds of ghosts that might be kept away from your own bottle tree
- How you would feel if you had to go to war
- Your biggest sadness
- A time when you had to apologize for something even though you didn't feel like you were in the wrong
- Someone you know who seems lonely
- The best party you've ever attended
- Describe 5 people you know and why they would be or are good friends to each other
- A time that you cried really hard
- A time you saw your parents cry
- A time you lost a pet or how you would feel if you lost a pet

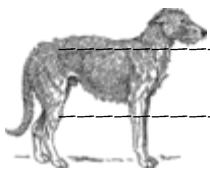
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Dear Diary,

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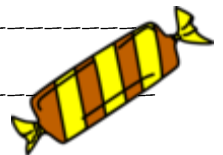
Write a letter

- From Opal to the manager of the Winn-Dixie store explaining that the dog wasn't trying to cause trouble
- From Opal to the preacher thanking him for letting her keep Winn-Dixie
- From Winn-Dixie to Opal thanking her for taking him in and being his friend
- From Mrs. Nordley to the preacher telling him how much she enjoyed watching Winn-Dixie catch the mouse in church
- From Opal to her mama telling the story of Winn-Dixie catching the mouse
- from Opal to Miss Franny Block telling her she was Opal's first friend in Naomi and thanking her
- From Miss Franny to Amanda Wilkinson telling her which dogs are allowed in the library and why
- From you to a store owner persuading him/her to let you buy a particular thing on installments
- From Opal to Sweetie Pie thanking her for the party invitation
- From Opal to the Dewberry boys telling them to stop following behind her and whispering
- From Opal to the preacher asking him to come out of his turtle shell
- From the preacher to Opal telling how they can keep Winn-Dixie safe in a thunderstorm
- From Opal to Otis telling him how pretty his music is
- From Opal to her mama telling about Otis charming the animals
- From Gloria to Opal telling her why she should be friends with the Dewberries
- From Amanda Wilkinson to Miss Franny apologizing for how rudely she acts when she comes to the library
- From Opal to Stevie Dewberry apologizing for calling him a bald-headed baby
- From Otis to the police officer apologizing for hitting him and explaining why he liked to play his music on the streets
- From Gloria to Opal explaining why she wanted her to invite the Dewberry boys to the party
- From the party guests to Opal and Gloria thanking them for the party
- From the preacher to Opal telling her all the reasons he's glad her mama left her with him
- From Sweetie Pie to her mama begging for a dog of her own
- From Opal to the party guests thanking them for finding Winn-Dixie

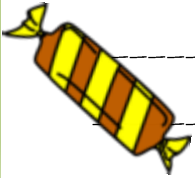
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Dear _____,

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Love,

A single horizontal dashed line for a signature.



Research

- What your name means
- Missionary work in India
- India
- Pathological fears
- Thunderstorms
- Alcoholism
- The Civil War
- Fort Sumter
- Typhoid fever
- Constellations

Essays

- Write an opinion paper about people who have been in jail. Do you think they are all dangerous and should be avoided or do you think each case should be judged on its own?
- Write about what you think 'the most important thing' is
- Write about why you should judge people by who they are now rather than who they may have been in the past
- Write a persuasion paper about why war is not fun
- Explain why it was important to Opal to learn why Littmus W. Block "survived after losing everything he loved"
- Write about why it's important that everyone has something to feel sad about the same as everyone has something they love
- Explain how life has the sweet and the sad all mixed up together. Give examples from your own life or the lives of people you know
- Write about the reasons it's good to make friends in all sorts of different places

Arts/Crafts

- Make a paper plate dog
- Draw the Open Arms Baptist Church of Naomi
- [Make a church out of craft sticks](#)
- [Make a book from a brown paper bag](#)
- [Make a handprint parrot](#)
- Draw a jungle
- Make a chalk pastel of a thunderstorm on black paper
- Make a witch's hat from construction paper
- Make a paper bottle tree like the one in Gloria Dump's yard
- [Make a paper fan](#)
- [Make a paper plate guitar](#)
- Make an invitation to Opal's and Gloria Dump's barbecue
- Make [paper lanterns](#)
- Paint a rainstorm

Food

- Macaroni and cheese



- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Hard candy (I'm thinking [Jolly Ranchers](#). Because yum.)
- Egg salad sandwiches
- Punch
- Pickles

Miscellaneous

- Visit a dog kennel
- Read *Gone with the Wind*
- Have a barbecue
- Plan a party with a theme
- Sing songs together

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