

Sarah's Story

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"Sarah's Story" is a classic "storyteller's" story about someone who doesn't think she has a story but finds one along the way. There are many traditional stories in a similar vein. All of them tie into a common feeling - "other people live interesting lives, but I don't." "Sarah's Story" is a reminder that all of us have interesting things happen to us if we are observant and attentive.

Another similarity between Sarah's experiences and other protagonists is that she "goes on a journey" and then returns, not quite the same. While this is a broad outline of what happens to her, it might lead to some discussions about how stories are similar. Some questions for group discussion include:

- 1) How does Sarah remind you of yourself?
- 2) What things in her life are similar to yours? What are different?
- 3) What is it that makes the story real?
- 4) When did you realize that it was "just a story"?
- 5) In the story, Sarah goes on a journey then returns to the place she knows - what other stories can you think of that are like that?
- 6) Between your home and school, where might something unusual happen to you?

Available on the CD "Come On Out And Play" and in the book Sarah's Story (Tricycle Press).