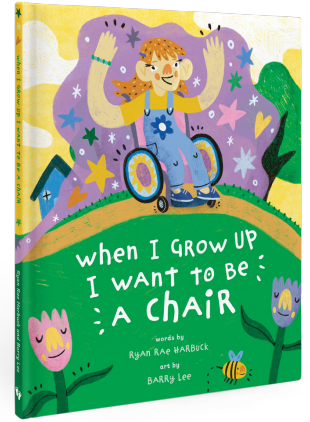




When I Grow Up I Want to be a Chair Discussion Guide

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Vo is a thinker and a creator. She loves thinking about how things in the world are made and rebuilding broken toys into new ones. What are your favorite hobbies and activities? Do you share any interests with Vo?
2. Vo says she wants to be a chair when she grows up. What do you think inspires this dream of hers?
3. Many people in the story question Vo's dream. Have you ever had an idea or goal that others didn't understand? How did that make you feel?
4. Vo believes that being a chair could make the world better. What are some ways a chair (or a mobility device) can help people? Why is it important to think about different perspectives and experiences?
5. Vo is able to understand herself better when she climbs the tallest hill in the park. What helps you when you are trying to figure something out about yourself?
6. The illustrations in the story are bright and full of Vo's imagination and emotions. What are some moments where the artwork helped you better understand Vo's feelings or ideas?
7. At the end of the story, how has Vo's understanding of her dream changed? What do you think she has learned about herself?



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Activity: Imagine Your Future Self

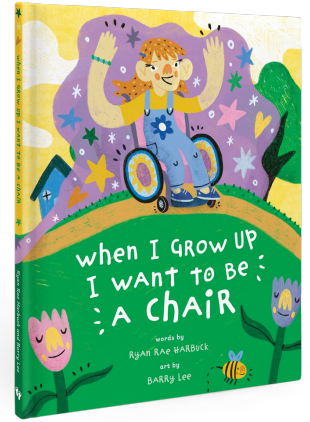
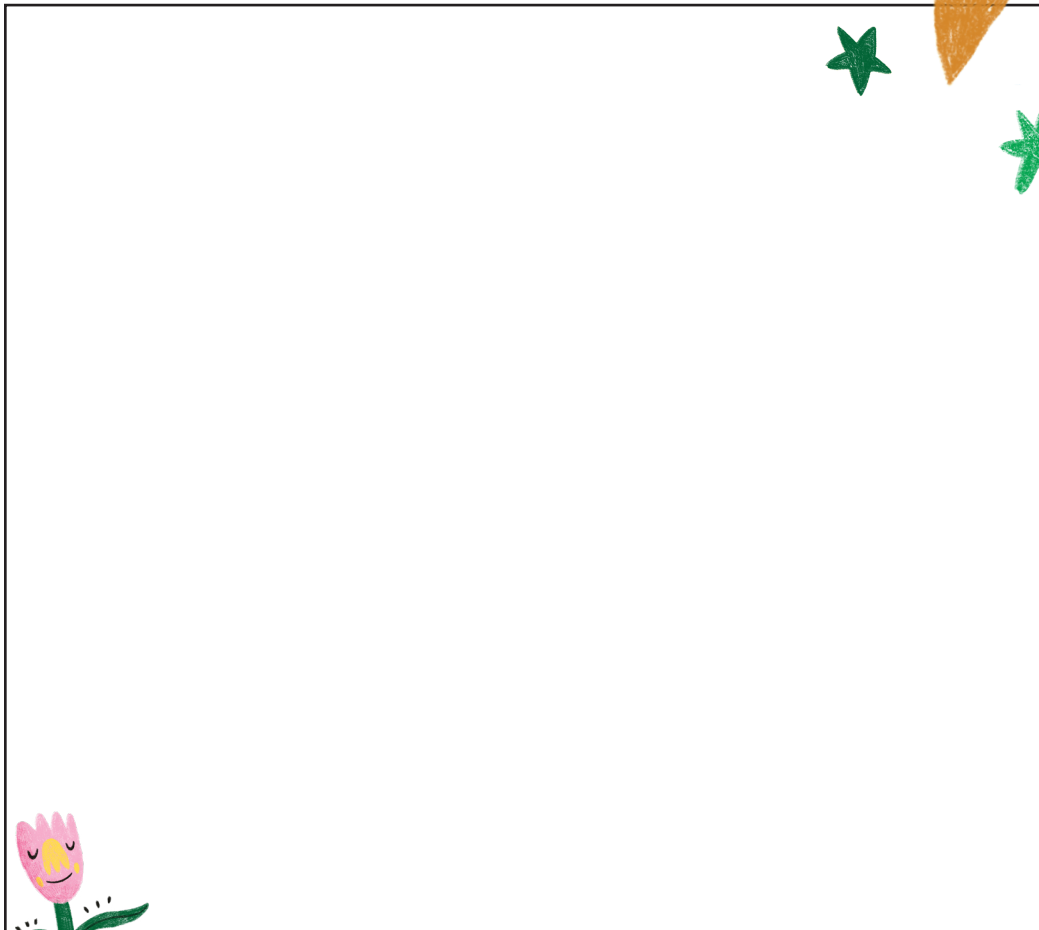
Imagine your future, just like Vo does, with no limits on your creativity.

Draw a picture or write a short story about what you might want to be or do when you grow up. It can be something real, imaginary, or a mix of both!

Think about:

- What makes you excited about this idea?
- How could it help others or make the world better?
- Why is this your dream and how do you think it will change as you get older?

Remember, like Vo, your future can include many different possibilities, and your ideas can grow and change over time.



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