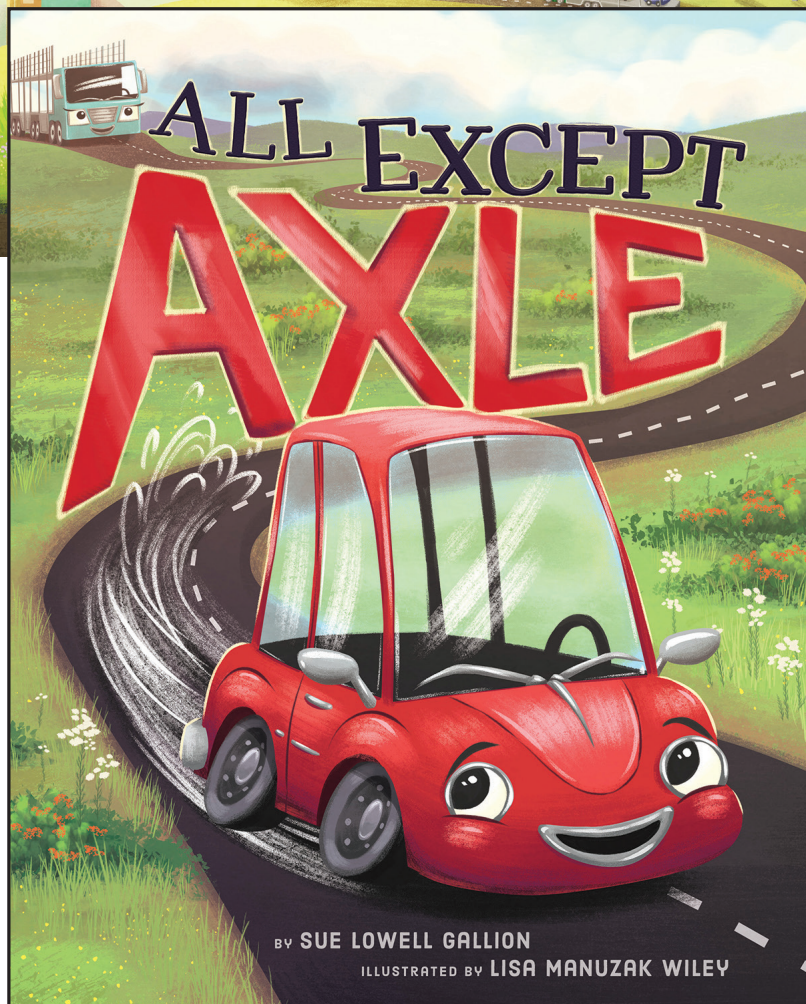


# Story Time Kit



## THIS STORY TIME KIT INCLUDES:

- Discussion questions
- Coping strategies worksheet
- Maze
- Puppet craft
- Drawing page



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**T**HE NEW CARS at the assembly plant are ready to rev their engines and put their pedals to the metal! All except Axle. He coughs and tells Earlene the transport trailer he's out of alignment. "I think you're stalling," says Earlene and she encourages a scared Axle to hit the road. When Earlene gets a flat tire and needs help, can Axle get in gear to save the day?

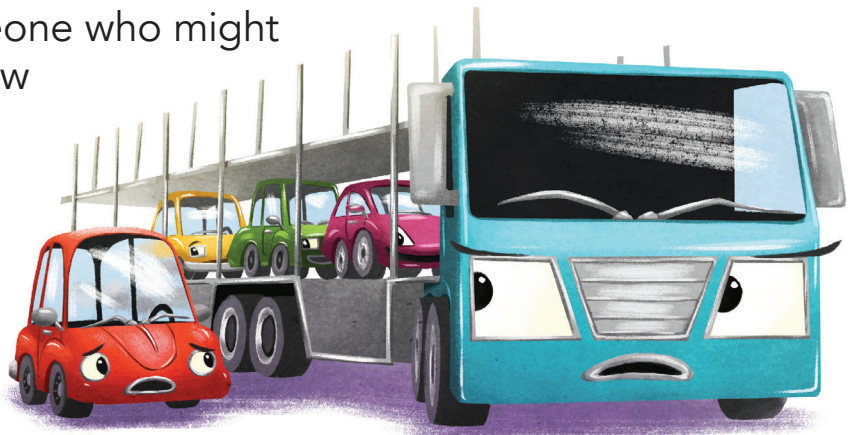
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# Discussion Questions

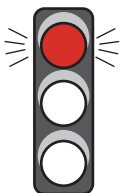
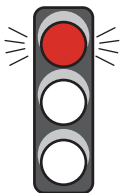
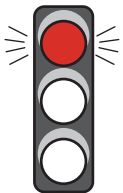
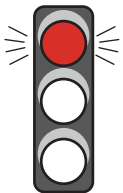
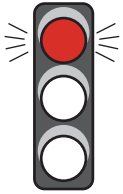
- ➔ Why do you think Axle doesn't want to line up with all the other new cars at the car plant?
- ➔ Why doesn't he want to drive onto Earlene, the transport trailer?
- ➔ How does Axle feel on the drive to the car dealership? How are his feelings different from the other new cars'?
- ➔ What words would you use to describe Axle at the beginning of the story? How would you describe Earlene?
- ➔ What does Earlene do to help Axle?
- ➔ How does Axle help Earlene?
- ➔ What words would you use to describe Axle at the end of the story? What caused him to change?
- ➔ Have you ever felt afraid or nervous? Describe the situation. Were you able to overcome your fear? Did anyone help you?
- ➔ What types of situations can make people feel nervous or afraid? How might they express those feelings?
- ➔ How could you help someone who might feel nervous or afraid? How does helping someone make you feel?



# Stop and Go

Everyone feels nervous sometimes. What situations make you put on the brakes? Make a list of five things that make you fearful or anxious. Then think about how you might overcome these fears. What can you try to turn that red light to green?

I feel nervous when . . .

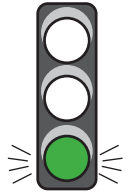


To overcome this fear, I'll try . . .

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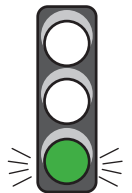
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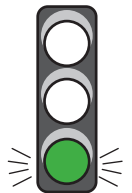
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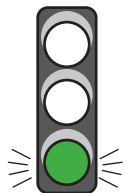
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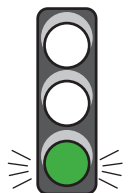
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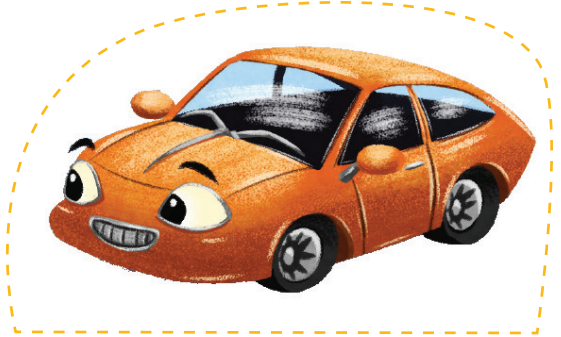
# Which Way?

Axle is scared to hit the open road alone, but when Earlene needs help, he must get a tow truck. Which road should he take?

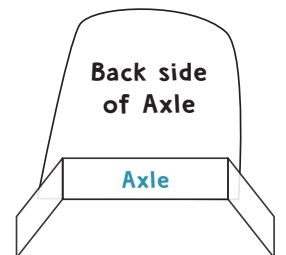


# Axle and Friends Puppets

Axle's friends stick by him even when he's afraid. Give names to the cars below. Cut out Axle and his friends and attach a craft stick or paper stand to the back of each one. What fun adventures will they have?



Axle	
	_____
	_____
	_____
	_____



# Where's Axle Now?

Axle gains so much confidence by helping Earlene. The open road calls! Where do you think Axle's travels will take him? Draw a background scene for Axle.

