

10 WAYS TO EXPLORE THIS BOOK

The Circus Ship

by Chris Van Dusen

- 1 **SEARCH** for all fifteen animals hiding from Mr. Paine
- 2 **PLAY** hide and seek
- 3 **CREATE** silly rhymes including your name
- 4 **ACT** out the story with stuffed animals
- 5 **READ** a book about boats or ships
- 6 **PLAN** an imaginary trip on a ship – where would you go?
- 7 **LEARN** about the places where the animals live in the wild
- 8 **TALK** about what circus animals might do in your neighborhood
- 9 **FIND** Maine and Massachusetts on a map to trace the ship's intended voyage
- 10 **MAKE** up a new animal – draw a picture and tell a story about it

**Did you know that the antelope in the book is not real?! It's a combination of a few different antelopes because Chris Van Dusen couldn't find what he wanted in any one animal.*



FIVE WAYS TO DISCOVER ANY BOOK WITH A CHILD

1

Talk about what the book makes you both think or feel.

2

Sing a song that is related to a character or something in the book.

3

Act out parts of the story.

4

Draw a picture of something that happened in the book.

5

Retell the story using the illustrations.

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