

Family Book Discussion - Backyard

Enjoy a family book club right from the comfort of your own home. Download the book and listen to it or read it together. We'll provide activities and additional reading to encourage your discussion. Happy reading!

Read:

Download [Gone Camping](#) by Tamera Will Wissinger and Matthew Cordell

Questions to help your discussion:

1. Why do you think the author chose to write this book in verse (as poems instead of in the regular narrative style of chapter books)?
2. Lucy was worried about noises, the dark, and the outdoors before she went camping. How would you help Lucy overcome her fears? How did she overcome her fears?
3. What is something that you used to be scared of and then found out it wasn't so bad?

Things to do:

- "Camp" in your backyard or in your living room. Bring blankets, pillows, books, and snacks of course!
- Create a pretend campfire by using paper towel tubes (or toilet paper tubes!), tissue or paper, and a flashlight. Decorate the tubes to look like logs and add tissue or paper for flames. Place a flashlight in the middle so your campfire glows!
- Turn down the lights or go outside in the evening to take turns telling stories around a real or pretend campfire.
- Make a map of your backyard or living room so you can always make it back to your tent!
- Have a picnic lunch or dinner in the living room or in the backyard.
- Create a poem about your favorite subject. Try using different forms like the book.

Other camping books to enjoy:

- [Camping](#) by Robyn Hardyman
- [Kids Camp!](#) by Laurie Carlson and Judith Dammel
- [Cool Backyard Camping](#) by Alex Kuskowski
- [Camping with Unicorns](#) by Dana Simpson
- [Tacky Goes to Camp](#) by Helen Lester
- [12 Great Tips on Writing Poetry](#) by Yvonne Pearson
- [Writing a Poem](#) by Cecelia Minden and Kate Roth
- [Poetry Party Series](#)