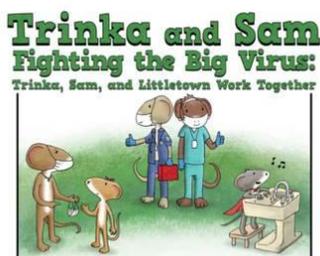


“LEARNING AS WE GO”

SUGGESTED BOOK LIST



Fighting the Big Virus: Trinka, Sam, and Littletown Work Together



Trinka and Sam help young children and families talk about their experiences and feelings related to COVID-19 and the need to shelter in place. In this free and downloadable picture book, the virus has spread to Littletown causing changes in everyone's lives. Their experiences support children and caregivers as they talk about family and community strengths, challenges and feelings related to coronavirus, ways grown-ups help children keep safe, and our gratitude for frontline workers.

<https://piploproductions.com/trinka-and-sam-virus/>

The Big Alone (by the sisters Avendano)

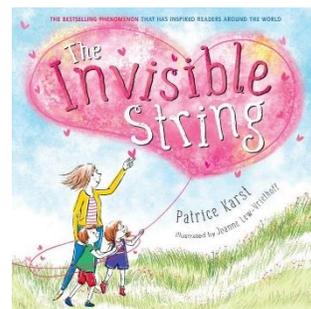


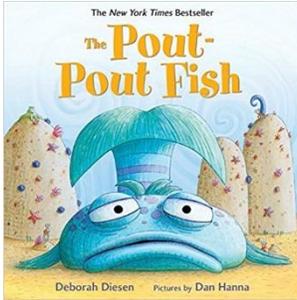
Written by two sisters from Toronto, this free ebook strives to help children make sense of the concept of social isolation. Large black and white lettering, creative illustrations and suddenly the big alone is not so frightening anymore. Available in multiple languages.

<https://thebigalone.com>

The Invisible String (Written by Patrice Karst, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff)

Relevant to the idea of social distancing and quarantine, this bestselling picture book introduces little ones to the concept of an invisible link between people, even when they're separated. In the story, a mom explains to her children that there is a "very special string made of love" that connects them to everyone they love. "When you're at school and you miss me, your love travels all the way along the string until I feel a tug on my heart," Karst writes. The story continues with explaining how far the string reaches — to a submarine captain in the ocean, a dancer in France, and even to a beloved relative in heaven.





The Pout Pout Fish (by Deborah Diesen)

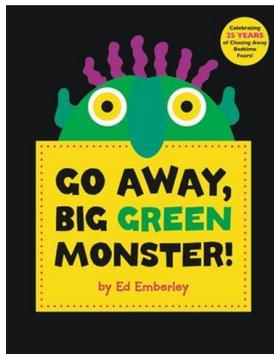
It can be hard to stay positive during a pandemic! Swim along with the pout-pout fish as he discovers that being glum and spreading "dreary wearies" isn't really his destiny. Bright ocean colors and playful rhyme come together in Deborah Diesen's fun fish story that's sure to turn even the poutiest of frowns upside down.

The Darkest Dark (by Chris Hadfield)

Sometimes the world can seem like a dark and scary place...Chris loves rockets and planets and pretending he's a brave astronaut, exploring the universe. Only one problem--at night, Chris doesn't feel so brave. He's afraid of the dark. But when he watches the groundbreaking moon landing on TV, he realizes that space is the darkest dark there is--and the dark is beautiful and exciting, especially when you have big dreams to keep you company.



Go Away, Big Green Monster (by Ed Emberley)



Lots of big changes in a child's world can lead to worry. Caldecott Award-winner Ed Emberley has created an ingenious way for children to overcome bedtime frights. As kids turn the die-cut pages of this vibrantly illustrated book, they'll watch the Big Green Monster grow before their very eyes. Then, when they're ready to show him who's in charge, they'll turn the remaining pages and watch him disappear!

I Am Peace (by Susan Verde)

A story about a boy trying to manage racing thoughts and uncertainty about the future. The words and beautiful illustrations teach concepts of mindfulness. Reminders to breathe, taste, smell, touch, and be present.

