Curious George Discovers Germs

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Review

George gets sick with a cold, but that doesn’t stop him from being curious—he’s determined to find out all about germs and sickness! When he dozes off in bed, he dreams that he’s exploring inside his own body and comes across the germ culprits, promptly kicking them out of his body with a sneeze. Though George recovers, the man with the yellow hat also becomes sick, and this time George tracks the same germs in him and they escape when the man wipes his nose with his hand. Instead of making their way to yet another person, these germs are soon gone for good when everyone decides to wash their hands (or paws).

Like other Curious George Discovers books, this book provides an interesting plot with lovable characters as well as an educational experience for any reader (children and adults alike). The text is easy to read and well-organized, and the illustrations are bright and crisp and fit perfectly with the story line, much like in the Curious George TV series. Several pages also include “Did you know...?” side panels with photos and fun scientific facts, and there are “Test it out!” boxes too that provide simple instructions for the reader to perform real experiments like George does. Other interesting facts, ideas, and experiments are found at the end of the book along with a glossary. Overall, this book is upbeat and interesting and surely fulfills its goal of making learning fun.