



A Standards-Aligned Educator Guide for Grades 1 - 3

KINZIE'S KINVENTIONS: EARTH TO KINZIE

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About the book:

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Kinzie's ninety-eight fans love her problem-solving videos on her very own Kinzie's Kinventions ViewTube channel! But how do you solve problems like a new wobbly-bobbly-headed baby brother or a know-it-all big sister?

Lucky for her, Kinzie doesn't have to invent anything for those problems because her sister tells her a secret. Kinzie's from Jupiter, and her space parents will return for her on her seventh birthday. That's in three days! She can blast off to Jupiter to live with her space parents. Problem solved, easy-peasy cherry freezie!

But what if she misses her Earth mom and dad? Or her friends and pets? Or ... what if Kinzie's sister is just tricking her?

About the author—Donna Boock:

Donna is a children's book author who grew up on a lovely lake in the Pocono mountains in Pennsylvania where she imagined there were no bears, snakes or other scary animals. That is how she began her career in imaginative fiction. She now lives in Venice, Florida which is known as the Shark Tooth Capital of the World and is named for the abundance of sharks' teeth found on the shores. Her imagination works hard to correct that.



Donna loves to write funny fiction, which means that she makes up a lot of things and people laugh at her – often.

Learn more about Donna by accessing her website at www.donnaboock.com. Drop her a note when you stop by. She would love to hear from you!

About the illustrator—Stephanie Hider:

Stephanie is a visual designer, illustrator and a web developer. She helps her awesome clients recreate their digital homes. Stephanie brings magic and life to author's picture books and creates all kinds of artwork for a variety of projects.

Stephanie currently lives with her daughter and maltipoo pup in Oklahoma. She has a great sense of humor, an avid video gamer and sci fi geek. Stephanie's favorite word is plethora. Her favorite color is coral and her biggest pet peeve is being read to.



Stephanie has named her website Steph Is Doodling. Access <https://stephisdoodling.com/illustrations/> to have a look at her fine work.

Pre-Reading Discussion:

- After reading *Kinzie's Got Talent*, identify who the red-headed girl is seated inside the rocket depicted on the book cover. Describe her expression. Predict why she is feeling the way that she is in this scene.
- Describe the creature featured near her in the illustration. Do you think the creature will play a role in the story? How so?
- Read the title of the book. Discuss how the title suggests what the story is going to be about.

Post-Reading Discussion:

“Your space parents brought you here. By spaceship. They’re from Jupiter. And so are you.”

- Sidney is tricking Kinzie to believe that she was not ever a baby like Will. Instead, she’s attempting to convince Kinzie that she came from Jupiter. And, that in three days, on her next birthday, Kinzie will return to her home planet. Why would Sidney say things such as this?
- Sidney tells Kinzie that tattling is a bad thing to do. Is that true? Are there times when a child should tell a parent about troublesome things that are happening? If so, when?
- Explain why the idea of living in outer space away from Will and Sidney sounds appealing to Kinzie.

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I wanted to live on Jupiter, but I didn’t want to leave Mom and Dad. Or Puppachino or Madame Purrie and Finley. I might even miss smarty-pants Sidney and wobbly-bobbly-headed Will.

- Earlier, the thought of living away from her sister and brother in outer space sounded intriguing to Kinzie. Now, in this scene, the notion makes her want to cry. What happened to bring about this change in Kinzie?
- The word *alien* means that someone is a stranger, a visitor from outer space, or is typically someone who doesn’t belong with others. Do you think that Kinzie is an alien in her family or her school? Explain your answer.
- Kinzie has a strong, outgoing personality. She’s creative, clever, and very funny. Are there times when unique individuals like Kinzie can be perceived as being as odd or different as an alien? Explain your answer.



“It’s not likely there are Earth-like beings living on Jupiter,” I read. I thought about that for a minute. “But I’m Earth-like. And I’m living,” I said.

- To be *disappointed* is the feeling one experiences when their expectations are not met. To be *confused* means being unable to understand something that has happened. In this scene, do you think Kinzie is either disappointed or confused by the knowledge that she is not an alien from Jupiter. Explain your answer.
- Tell why Kinzie became very angry with Sidney. What did Sidney do to cause Kinzie to react in this way?

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A very good idea popped into my head. A new plan. Operation Sidney. And I didn’t need to invent anything for this plan. I just had to tell the truth.

- Tell how simply reporting the truth helped Kinzie to solve Operation Sidney.
- Did Kinzie tattle when she told Mom what Sidney said? Explain your answer.
- In the end, how did Kinzie get what she really wanted – that she was no longer considered to be an alien in her family. Determine how Kinzie was able to as if she belonged in her family.

Vertical Puzzle Answers (puzzle found on following page)

1. o b J e c t
2. b U l g e
3. G r e a t R e d S P o t
4. G a s G I a n t
5. m a g n e T i c
6. l a r g E s t
7. a u R o r a

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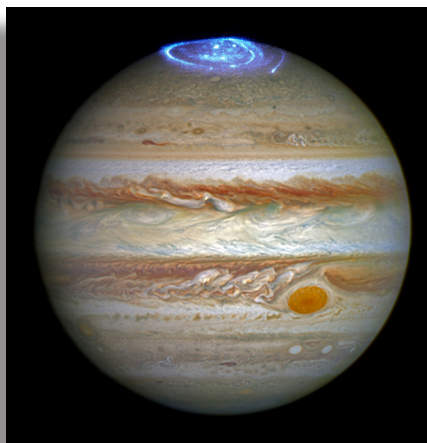
Reading Literature: *RL.1, RL.2, RL.3, RL.4, RL.5, RL.7, RL.10*

Speaking & Listening: *SL.1, SL.2, SL.4, SL.5* Next Gen Science: *2-ESS1-1*



Vertical Puzzle: The Planet Jupiter

Use the clues at the bottom of the page to solve the puzzle below. Answers to the puzzle can be found on page 2 of this teacher guide.



1. _____ J _____
2. _____ U _____
3. _____ P _____
4. _____ I _____
5. _____ T _____
6. _____ E _____
7. _____ R _____

1. Jupiter is a very bright _____ that is visible to the naked eye in the night sky.
2. Jupiter spins so fast, it has a _____ at the center.
3. Jupiter's _____ is caused by an enormous storm that has been raging for 300 years
4. Jupiter is known as a _____ because it is made primarily of gases.
5. Jupiter has a very strong _____ field, 14 times stronger than that around Earth.
6. Jupiter is the _____ planet in the Solar System.
7. Name of Jupiter's stunning ultraviolet, electric blue whirl its northern pole.

