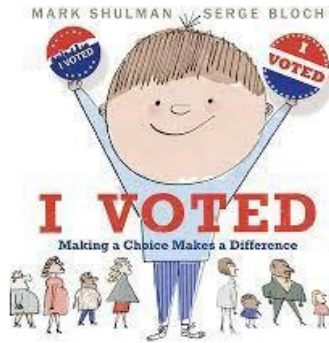


I Voted



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Genres: Informational government picture book, Citizenship book

I Voted! explains the powerful process of civics and social decision making. From choosing if you would prefer ice cream or cookies, to choosing who you think the next President of the United States should be, we all play a very important role when we vote. Find out how you can be involved when it comes time to vote, what to do if your choice doesn't win, and why making a choice matters most of all.

Before the Read Aloud:

Have you ever voted on something? What were you voting on? Did your choice win?

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During the Read Aloud:

1. Why is voting for smaller things, like what your class pet will be, an important practice for bigger votes later in life?
2. Have you ever heard the adults in your life talk about voting? Did they think it was important or not important to vote? What do you think?
3. The book shows four ways you can be involved in the voting process even if you are too young to vote yourself. What are they? Have you ever tried any of these?

Take Action Project:

Did you know that there used to be laws to keep people of color and women from voting? Some people fought very hard to change these unjust laws, and eventually, they were changed! Why do you think people fought so hard to make sure everyone can vote? Why is voting such an important right for everyone to have?

Interview an adult family member about their first vote and what the process meant to them. If you have an adult family member who has voted in another country, interview them about the process and how voting in the United States differs from voting in other countries.

