



I WANT TO BE BIG!

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ACTIVITY GUIDE

Jaiceon wishes he was big—bigger than his whole family, bigger than everyone! If he were big, he could reach the cookies on the counter, or make his own sandwich. He could stay up really late, swim with sharks, and even be best friends with Bigfoot! Nobody's your boss when you're big.

When Jaiceon's wish is granted, rules shrink away, and he dives into a world of enormous fun. But as he grows, the situation grows out of control along with him, and Jaiceon starts to wonder if being small wasn't so bad after all.

The sky's the limit in this larger-than-life tale about how sometimes what we wish for isn't exactly what we want, and how, with a little creativity and help, we can learn to love ourselves for who we are right now.

Tiffany Golden is a writer, educator, and book designer. When teaching kids about writing, she is amazed by the inventive ways they generate ideas, and she tries to incorporate their magic, innocence, and honesty into her own writing. Her nephew, Jaiceon, is so imaginative and vibrant that he inspired this joyful story. Tiffany lives in Oakland, California. This is her debut picture book.

Sawyer Cloud is a freelance artist and the illustrator of several books for children. This story reminds Sawyer of her inner child, and she remains a big dreamer who wants to reach the stars and change the world. She loves stories like Jaiceon's because they allow her to imagine wild, fantastic places. She lives in Madagascar with her family.



DECORATE YOUR SHOES

Design and color the shoes below!



IN THE STORY, WHAT DOES JAICEON TELL US ARE THE BEST THINGS ABOUT BEING BIG?

Write them on the lines below.





TALL OR SMALL?

Find a tape measure and have a friend measure you from head to feet.

How many feet are you?

How many inches?

Now, measure your friend from head to feet.

How many feet are they?

How many inches?

Who is bigger? _____

Who is smaller? _____

IF YOU WERE TO GROW TO BE BIG! RIGHT NOW, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Write a list or draw a picture below.

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IN THE STORY, JAICEON LEARNS THAT BEING SMALL ISN'T SO BAD AFTERALL.

What is the best part about being small? Write a list or draw a picture below

