



# Bobby's Books

Book: The Next Place

Possible Themes: Peace, hope, death, forever loved

Publisher, Publishing Date and ISBN Number: Waldman House Press, 1997, 0-931674-32-8

Author and Illustrator: Warren Hanson

Recommended Age of Child: All ages

Description of Book: "The Next Place is an inspirational journey of light and hope to a place where earthly hurts are left behind."

Quote from Book: "I won't remember getting there. Somehow I'll just arrive. But I'll know that I belong there and will feel much more alive than I have ever felt before. I will be absolutely free of the things that I held onto that were holding onto me."

Lesson Plan Ideas:

- Read book and discuss key words: peaceful, untroubled, dreams, always, alive, free, quiet, joyful, perfect, happiness, memories, embraced
- Mosaic: Study the book carefully and look at the mosaic designs in the corners of the pages. You can make mosaic using ceramic mosaic pieces but punched squares of paper work just as well. Have volunteers assist prior to the session. You will need a lot of punched squares. The smaller the squares, the more "tiles" you will need. Have patterns of items found in the book, such as: moon, cloud, star, rainbow, heart, dove, leaves, clock, etc, for children to choose and fill in with "tiles." A few outlines are included for your use.
- Vellum Overlay: Have child pick one of these words and illustrate it on a card. Cut a piece of vellum to fit over it. Punch two holes in tops of card and vellum and tie it together with matching ribbon.

Materials:

- Construction Paper punched into many small squares; square punches; scissors, white cardstock, patterns, white glue, black marker; blank greeting cards; drawing materials; vellum sheets, cut to fit front of card; ribbon; hole punch