

The Red Jacket

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Synopsis: Bob loves his red jacket. The red jacket makes him feel swanky cool. The red jacket makes other seagulls notice him and even speak to him. But when a wave washes it away, will Bob lose his cool and his newfound friends, too?

Suggested Reading Date: November 13th (World Kindness Day); January 5 (National Bird Day); Anytime you need some SEL reinforcement for friendship.

Activity Descriptions:

- Discuss what makes a friend.
- Discuss character traits of a good friend.
- Let students draw what they would give their friends and have them tell why they chose that gift.
- Have students make/create/draw jackets (with their names on the back) and play a game of musical jackets. When the music stops students must see whose it is, go to them and tell them one nice thing about them (give them a warm fuzzy, per se).

Related Websites:

- Author's Website: <https://bob-holt.myportfolio.com/>
- Book Trailer: <https://youtu.be/F9Qr1CTZZIY>
- Teaching Kindness with free activity: <https://www.thepathway2success.com/teaching-kindness-with-a-free-activity/>

Text to Text Connections:

- *Knuffle Bunny Free* by Mo Willems
- *Chez Bob* by Bob Shea
- *The Bad Seed* by Jory John
- *I Want My Hat Back* by Jon Klassen

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