

Mr. Cow cuts his own firewood

#17 / **Dig deeper!** What are questions or insights you can give kids from this story?

Vocabulary

monologue: A long, uninterrupted speech. When someone keeps talking and talking and talking about something without stopping.

blasphemy: Saying something offensive about something that is sacred or should be respected. Disrespecting something that should be respected.

abomination: Something that is horrible, disgusting or extremely terrible.

rant: A loud, passionate, emotional (sometimes angry) speech driven by passion vs logic and facts. Kinda like an emotional monologue.

Questions

1. Have you ever seen a chainsaw be used?
2. Do you know how a chainsaw works?
The loud engine makes a chain spin around the bar really fast. The bar has sharp metal teeth that cut through wood.
3. Why do you think glasses and ear protection are important when using a chainsaw?
A chainsaw is very loud and the noise can hurt your ears over time so ear protection is good to use. When cutting, chips of wood can fly around and get in your eyes so safety glasses are important.
4. Do you know anyone who uses a chainsaw? Have you ever watched them?
5. Mr. Cow cut the logs to certain lengths. Why do you think that matters?
Logs have to fit in a fireplace so you have to cut logs so that they fit... simple as that.
6. Do you know why Mr. Cow split the logs?
If logs are too thick they won't burn well. Smaller logs burn better, especially when the fire isn't very hot.
7. Did you know that different types of trees burn differently?
[Here's a chart](#) that lists the amount of BTU's from different types of wood. The higher the BTU, the more amount of heat (energy) the wood has when burning.
8. At the end of the book, Mr. Cow is eating a sandwich. What kind of sandwich do you think Mr. Cow is eating?
What's your favorite kind of sandwich?