

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EW118 INTERSTITIAL: SENOR TAPIR - STEPHEN BISHOP

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Follows "Follow That Rollie Pollie".

Curriculum: The kids learn that Stephen Bishop was an explorer who found new areas underground in Mammoth Cave, and discovered eyeless fish living in the cave's underground river!

Learning Goals:

SEPl.a. Asking Questions

LS8. There are many different kinds of living things

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1. EXT. FOREST - DAY

Señor Tapir sits on a tree root with his guitar. Nearby, Elinor, Olive and Ari crouch low near the base of a tree to stare down a hole in the ground. The hole is big enough for Elinor to crawl down.

1	OLIVE	1
	(sticking her trunk slightly into the hole) Wow! Look at this hole. (echo voice) HELLOOOO!	
2	ARI	2
	What do you think is down there?	
3	ELINOR	3
	Maybe somebody lives there.	
4	SEÑOR TAPIR	4
	Es posible. There's a whole lot going on underground. This reminds me of a man named Stephen Bishop who once explored a deep cave and made some amazing discoveries.	

Señor Tapir starts strumming his guitar and singing.

2. EXT. MAMMOTH CAVE, KENTUCKY - DAY

The scene dissolves to the entrance of Mammoth Cave.

5	SEÑOR TAPIR	5
	(singing) In the middle of Kentucky, there's a hole in the ground Called Mammoth Cave, and it leads down To the biggest bunch of caves the world's ever seen.	

Stephen Bishop (a mountain lion) enters the mouth of the cave. He has black hair and a long mustache and is wearing a chocolate-colored slouched hat, a green jacket and trousers. He holds a flickering lantern as he enters a cave room filled with stalactites and crystals on the cave walls. He then sits on the cave floor with a large sheet of paper and draws a branching map of Mammoth Cave.

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SEÑOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

There once was a man who dared to
explore,
More of the cave than anyone
before,
He was the first to map the whole
entire thing.

Stephen Bishop crawls across a ladder over a dark chasm. He
climbs down a rope to a cave floor.

Stephen Bishop wanted to know,
How far Mammoth Cave would go,
So he went down underground,
And that is when he found
Surprises in the caves down below.

Stephen Bishop squeezes through narrow passages, carrying a
lantern with a rope coiled over his shoulder. He disappears
into darkness.

He explored by rope and lantern
light,
Through narrow spaces dark and
tight,
And left the world of sunlight far
behind.

He emerges from the darkness as his lantern light illuminates
a river in a cave. He shines his light closer to the water
and sees little white fish. An underwater view of the fish
shows that they have no eyes.

He discovered a river, and what a
surprise,
He found some fish that had no
eyes!
Splashing and swimming, completely
blind!

More scenes of Stephen Bishop crawling down narrow caves.

Stephen Bishop wanted to know,
How far Mammoth Cave would go,
So he went down underground
And that is when he found
Surprises in the caves down below.

3. EXT. FOREST - DAY

Señor Tapir finishes his song.

Ari looks into the hole, curiously.

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ARI

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I wonder how far THIS hole goes?
Hello?

As Ari turns away, we hear an echo of "hello?" that startles him. He smiles and everyone laughs.

THE END.