

LIT KIT



The MagicHouse
St. Louis Children's Museum

CURIOSITY

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Curiosity is when you really want to learn something new. What is something that has made you feel curious?

IN THIS KIT: STORIES OF FOUR ORDINARY PEOPLE WHOSE CURIOSITY INSPIRED THEM TO DO GREAT THINGS. AS YOU READ, THINK ABOUT WHAT MADE EACH OF THEM CURIOUS.

- Frida Kahlo
- Marie Curie
- Albert Einstein
- Leonardo da Vinci

DISCUSS: AFTER READING EACH BOOK, USE THESE QUESTIONS TO SPARK DISCUSSION.

Frida Kahlo

- Frida Kahlo's curiosity led her to see beauty in the things around her every day, even in things that were easy to overlook. What's something beautiful that you see every day in your life?

Albert Einstein

- A compass that always pointed north made Albert Einstein curious to understand the universe. What is a mystery that you would like to understand?

Marie Curie

- Marie Curie had a lot of accidents and failures in her work. What is an accident or mistake that taught you a lesson?

Leonardo da Vinci

- Leonardo Da Vinci learned how to be a better artist by working as an apprentice. Is there someone in your life who can help you learn something you want to know?

PLAY:

Practice some close observation. Use the magnifying glass to study objects in your home closely. What do you notice that you didn't see from farther away? Write your notes or make sketches on the tablet.



ACT: LIVE OUT THE VALUE OF CURIOSITY.

Start a curiosity notebook to write ideas and questions about the world, then work to find answers! The Library is a great place to satisfy your curiosity.

KEEP READING: Read more about these heroes, the times that they lived and the theme of curiosity.

- "Frida Kahlo's Flower Crown" by Nydia Armendia-Sánchez
- "How to Hear the Universe" by Patricia Valdez
- "Sisters in Science" by Linda Elovitz Marshall
- "Leonardo da Vinci" by Betsy Rathburn
- "The Curious Why" by Angela Diterlizzi
- "Twenty Questions" by Mac Barnett
- "The Spark in Me" by Miguel Tanco

"Don't pay any attention to me. I come from another planet. I always see horizons where you draw borders" - Frida Kahlo

"I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious." - Albert Einstein

*"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves."
- Marie Curie*

**"To become an artist you have to be curious."
- Leonardo da Vinci**

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