

Book title: *I Knew You Could*

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Questions asked during Reading:

- We notice on the cover a train going up a hill. What do you think might happen in the story today?
- Wow! It looks like this train has traveled through a lot of ups and downs. Let's hear her stories! (pgs 1-2)
- On page 3, we see the train approaching many different tracks. Which track do you think the train will take?
- Do you ever feel that you are on the right or wrong "track?" (pg 4)
 - I sure do! I might feel on the wrong track when I do not do so well on a test or when I eat a lot of junk food. But, it is okay! We will eventually find the right track for us!
- Do you ever feel lost in the dark? This train did. But, she found her way out with help from the light! (pg 7)
- The train gave us some good advice. Whenever you feel sad, upset, or down, always remember that there is a happy moment waiting for you! (pg 8)
- The train wishes to be like a plane or a car. Sometimes, we may feel like we want to be something or someone else. Maybe someone who is cooler or taller, or maybe even smarter! (pgs 9-10)
 - But, you shouldn't have to worry about being something else. You will always be perfect just the way you are! :)
- The train didn't realize that the cars and planes may be thinking just like the train is, wanting to be like somebody else! (pgs 11-12)
 - Always be true to yourself and be whoever YOU want to be!
- When is a time you have felt really proud of yourself? (pgs 13-14)
 - I remember scoring one of my first goals in my soccer game and was so happy! I remembered that I worked so hard and was proud of myself and my team.

- When are some times that you feel sad or have felt sad? (pgs 17-18)
 - I feel sad when I am alone or not doing so good in school.
But, I remind myself that it is okay to ask for help, anytime!
- The train said to stay true to yourself on your own track. Always do what is best for you! Your track should be super happy and super fun! (pgs 19-20)
- On pages 25 and 26, we notice the train about to go up a really big hill. What emotion(s) do you think the train is feeling?
 - Maybe scared or nervous?
- When we think we might be ready to give up, just remember to keep pushing forward! Keep working hard and you will get to where you want to! (pg 28)
- What are we supposed to say when we are on our tracks? (pg 29)
 - That's right! "I Think I Can!!!"
 - Remember to ask for help when you need it, don't try to be anyone that isn't you, and keep chugging along on your track!

- School Readiness Outcomes (SRO) goals met:
 - This read-aloud will help the child be able to identify problems independently.



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