

Children's Book Service  
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Organization: Eight leaders will each be given a different children's book with a separate discussion/service sheet. USYers will get to choose which book group they want to attend. Throughout the course of the service, which will be a relatively normal Shacharit, the book will be read, and discussions will be had on parts of the book as they relate to certain prayers.

*Where the Wild Things Are*  
By: Maurice Sendak

Start by asking everyone if they've ever read the book before; maybe ask and see if anyone has any special memories of it. Once you're ready, settle into a very librarian-like position, shush them by putting your finger over your lips, and start reading. Make sure everyone can see the pictures.

Read to the end of the sixth page, which ends with "so he was sent to bed without reading anything."

Do *Modeh Ani*, page 2  
Do *Birkot HaShachar*, page 10

Ask the group if they'd still say *Birkot HaShachar* as soon as they woke up after being sent to bed with no dinner. (The premise is that you say the blessings because you're thankful to be alive; are you going to be thankful if you were a bad child and sent to bed without dinner?)

Continue with psalm 30, page 50  
Do *P'sukei D'zimra*, page 54

Read to the page that ends with "and in and out of weeks and almost over a year to where the wild things are."

Do *Ashrei*, page 80

Look at the line that starts with "*Malchutcha malchut kol olamim....*" Read the translation—"Your kingship is an everlasting kingship; your dominion endures for all generations." Ask everyone if they think that God still reigns "where the wild things are." Are there any equivalents to the land "where the wild things are" today?

Do *Halleluyah*, page 88  
Do *Az Yashir*, page 92

Ask if there are any similarities between the sea Max crossed and the Sea of Reeds that the Israelites crossed.

Do *Yishtabach* page 94

Do *Chatzi Kaddish*, page 94

Read to the page that ends with “and made him king of all wild things.”

Do *Barchu*, page 96

Do *Ahava Rabah*, page 98

Do *Sh'ma/V'ahavta*, page 100

Read and show the pictures until the end of the wild rumpus.

Do *Mi Chamocha*, page 104

Do the *Amidah*, pages 106-120 (First two pages out loud, everything else silent)

At the end of the *Amidah*, talk about whether or not the Wild Rumpus is like the *Amidah*. The wild things are being spiritual in their own way, aren't they?

Do *Kaddish Shalem*, page 158

Do *Aleinu*, page 160

Do Mourner's *Kaddish*, page 162.

Finish reading the book. Ask if there are any questions at the end, and proceed to breakfast.