

Big Wave Dave Adventures

The Adventure Club Series

Teacher's Guide



By Big Wave Dave

About Big Wave Dave Adventures & The Adventure Club

Big Wave Dave Adventures combines exciting surf stories with real-world ocean safety lessons for kids and families of all ages. The Adventure Club for ages 4 to 10 offers short stories, videos, worksheets, and activities that teach essential water safety in a fun, memorable way.

Students can earn a badge after each lesson and a completion certificate after finishing all five lessons — a great way to recognize their learning. For programs that want to go a step further, official Big Wave Dave pin badges are available for purchase. These make excellent rewards for standout effort, leadership, or teamwork.

The Teacher's Edition brings these adventures to life with ready-to-use lesson plans, discussion prompts, and printable worksheets designed for classrooms, homeschool, and community programs. This sample includes most of Lesson 1 from the 5-lesson edition, with one worksheet. The complete edition includes all worksheets for Lesson 1 plus four additional lessons with their own activities, badges, and series completion certificate.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to make teaching Big Wave Dave Adventure Club lessons easy and fun.

Each lesson includes:

- Full story for read-aloud or projection
- Lesson plan with objectives, materials, and teaching steps
- Discussion questions to spark conversation
- Printable worksheet for individual or group work
- Printable badge for students who complete the lesson

Teaching options:

- Read the story aloud from the guide
- Project the story pages for the class
- Play the official YouTube video version (link in each lesson)

Recognition & Rewards:

- Award the badge for each completed lesson
- Students can earn a completion certificate after all 5 lessons
- Optional Big Wave Dave pin badges are available for special recognition of standout effort

Tip: Lessons are flexible! Adapt activities to fit your class time, student ages, and available materials.

LESSON 1: BIG WAVE DAVE AND HIS RED SAFETY HELMET

Story Information

Title: Big Wave Dave and His Red Safety Helmet

Reading Level: Grade 2.3 (Flesch–Kincaid)

Age Range: 7–8

**Best For: Independent reading (Gr 2–3) |
Read-aloud (K–1)**

Genre: Adventure / Ocean Safety

**Theme: Protective gear, water safety,
personal responsibility**

Lesson 1 – Big Wave Dave and His Red Safety Helmet

Objectives:

Students will understand why wearing protective gear is important in water sports.
Students will recall key details from the story to explain safety rules.
Students will connect story events to real-life safety situations at the beach or pool.

Skills Covered:

Reading fluency through engaging story text
Vocabulary development related to surfing and safety
Listening comprehension and recall
Ocean safety awareness, focusing on head protection
Creative expression through discussion and activities

Materials Needed:

Big Wave Dave and His Red Safety Helmet story text (included in this guide)
OR YouTube video version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kjm3nRHUT7E>
Student worksheet (following page)
Projector or smartboard (optional)
Crayons or pencils

Teaching Steps:

Introduce the topic – Show the cover image (page X) and ask: “Why do you think Dave wears a red safety helmet?”
Read or watch the story – Choose one or both:
Read Aloud: Use the included text and illustrations in this guide.
Watch the Video: Play the official YouTube video.
Identify the lesson – Discuss why Dave wears his helmet and how it helps him.
Relate to students – Ask students to share times they wore something for safety (bike helmet, life jacket, etc.).
Complete the worksheet – Students draw or write about a time they used safety gear and explain why it was important.
Review & reinforce – Summarize the importance of protecting your head when surfing or playing in the water.

Discussion Questions:

Why does Dave always wear his red safety helmet?
How does the helmet help him in the story?
Can you think of other sports or activities where helmets are important?

Bonus Discussion Questions:

The biggest wave ever surfed was over 101 feet tall – that’s taller than a 10-story building!
What do you think a surfer would need to stay safe in waves that big?
How would surfing 1,000 years ago in ancient Polynesia be different from surfing today?

Extension Ideas:

Create a “Safety Gear Poster” as a class showing different activities and the gear used.
Invite a local lifeguard or surfer to talk about water safety.
Practice “gearing up” by having students bring in or draw safety items they use.

💡 Teacher Tip

Some classes enjoy watching the video first and then reading the story together, while others prefer the opposite. Use both options to reinforce the lesson in different formats.

Big Wave Dave and His Red Safety Helmet



By Big Wave Dave

Meet Big Wave Dave! He's an expert surfer who loves to ride the biggest waves out there!

But what makes Dave different from other surfers? His red safety helmet!

You might be wondering, why does Big Wave Dave wear a helmet while surfing? Great question! Surfing might look fun but it's also a sport that can have some risks. A helmet protects your head from bumps, from your surfboard or other surfers' boards!

Surfboards have fins, can be heavy and move fast. Sometimes a surfer wipes out. With a helmet Big Wave Dave stays safe even when he takes a tumble.

Fun Fact: Did you know?

The biggest wave ever surfed was over 101 feet tall! And, surfing started way back in ancient Polynesia over 1,000 years ago!

Besides wearing a helmet, there are other safety tips every surfer should follow.

Always check the weather, know the tides, and never surf alone. And most importantly, remember to have fun!

Now that Dave is prepared and safe, he's ready for his next big adventure! Surfing is all about balance, control, and riding the waves with confidence! So, whether you're catching small waves or massive ones like Big Wave Dave, remember: Safety first! And always ride with a helmet, especially when you're out there chasing those big waves!



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Badge 1: Mini Surfer – 'I Can Be Brave!'

1. Match the Safety Gear:

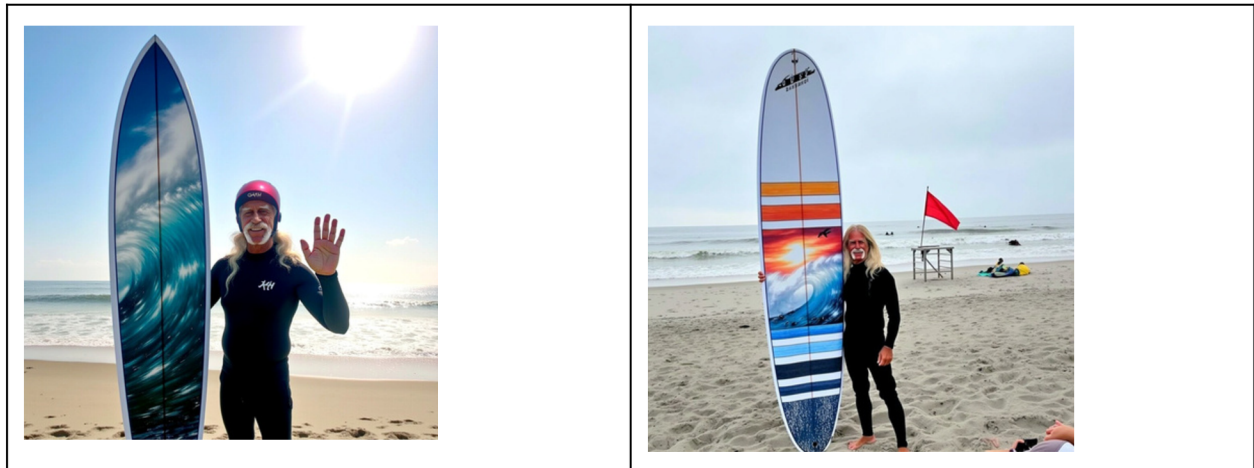
- Draw lines to connect the gear to what it helps with.

SUNSCREEN	Keeps you afloat.
SURFBOARD	Shields skin from sunburn.
LIFE VEST	Protects your head.
HELMET	Helps you ride waves.

2. Circle the Smart Choice:

- Dave is ready to surf. One picture shows him wearing his helmet.
- The other shows him without it.

Circle the smart choice!



3. Design Dave's Safety Helmet: Use your imagination and draw a cool safety helmet!





Sample of Additional Badges



BIG WAVE DAVE ADVENTURES



Official Certificate of Achievement

This certifies that



has completed all 5 Big Wave Dave Adventure Club
stories and is now an Official Member of the Big Wave Dave
Adventure Club Crew.

Date

Big Wave Dave

Big Wave Dave

See you on the waves!



Teachers, Program Leaders and Home School Instructors

Thank you for using the Big Wave Dave Adventure Club Teacher's Guide!

We hope your students enjoyed the stories, activities, and ocean safety lessons, and that these resources help build lasting awareness of how to stay safe in and around the water.


To extend the experience, you may wish to:

Offer students illustrated versions of the Adventure Club stories for independent reading.

Watch the official Big Wave Dave Adventures videos together.

Organize a "Water Safety Day" at your school or community center.

Present official Big Wave Dave pin badges as a reward for exceptional effort, teamwork, or leadership.

 For more information about optional badges, student storybooks, or other Big Wave Dave resources, visit: BigWaveDaveAdventures.com

Optional Student Take-Home Handout

The next page is a student-friendly flyer you may print and send home at any point during the program — after a single lesson, several lessons, or upon completion of all five.

Purpose:

Helps families understand what their child is learning about ocean safety.

Encourages conversations about safe practices at the beach, pool, or lake.

Shares how students can continue learning through the Big Wave Dave stories and videos.

Tips for Use:

Works well as part of a badge presentation or alongside a certificate.

Can be printed in color or black and white.

If sending before the program ends, space is included for a Teacher's Note so families know more lessons are coming.



Big Wave Dave Adventures – Ocean Safety Fun!

Today in class, we learned about ocean safety with Big Wave Dave Adventures!

Our lesson included a fun story, discussion, and activities to help kids remember how to stay safe at the beach, pool, or lake.

We'll continue learning in future lessons – each one teaches a new safety tip and comes with a special badge students can earn. After completing all five lessons, students will also receive a certificate of achievement!

Families can join the fun, too by:

📖 Reading: The Big Wave Dave Adventure Club stories (available as illustrated books through bigwavedaveadventures.com or Amazon).

📺 Watching: Big Wave Dave stories on YouTube at youtube.com/@BIGWAVEDAVE1-57

🌊 Practicing: Talk about water safety rules together before your next trip to the water

Teacher's Note:



 Continue the Adventure with Big Wave Dave!  

Thanks for exploring this sample lesson from the Big Wave Dave Adventures Teacher's Edition! The complete edition includes 5 engaging lessons, printable worksheets, colorful badges, and achievement certificates — all designed to make water safety fun for your students.

 Find the full Teacher's Edition on Teachers Pay Teachers and Amazon.

 Discover more adventures at BigWaveDaveAdventures.com.

Let's keep kids safe, confident, and excited about the water!

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