

# The Man Who Invented The Game of Basketball: The Genius of James Naismith

HAVE FUN!



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## DISCUSS

Talk through your thoughts.

- Discuss the idea that James Naismith had on page 21. "He thought he could help teens live better lives if he talked to them while teaching them sports." What do you think about this? Does this connect with your life?
- Look over the original rules of basketball on page 26. What rules today are the same? Different?

## CREATE

Make an experience of your own.

- Invent an exciting indoor game – just like James Naismith. Find others to play your game.
- Create an argument to support the author's statement on page 37, "He believed his sport could make the lives of young people better. And he was right."

## IMAGINE

Use your imagination to explore.

- Go to page 39 and "You Be the Inventor!" Make a list of your ideas and keep adding to it.
- Explore sports around your area. Can you form a new team to get others playing a group activity? What are the qualities James Naismith portrayed in this book. How can you help others like he did? What sport or game could you teach to others?

## EXPLORE

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