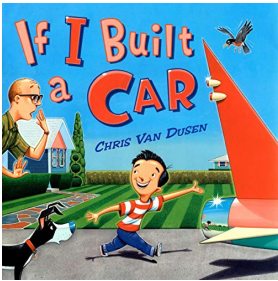




*These are examples of children's picture books, many with STEAM (Science / Technology / Engineering / Art and Math) themes, that we have use during STEM4Learning workshops as examples for building student engagement through read-alouds. Many associated activities and teaching units are shared in Picture Perfect STEM books by Emily Morgan and Karen Ansberry published by the National Science Teachers Association.*



If I Built a Car by Chris Van Dusen

[Amazon purchase page:](#)

Summary: this is the story of a boy who is bored with his family car and imagines a truly fantastic car that can do everything he can dream up. Great story for following up with a create draw or design activity.

Link to Youtube Read-aloud Version

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WgzB-COHPQE&t=3s>

Link to .pdf slides of book page by page

- [If I Built a Car](#)

Some related activity ideas

- Develop a STEAM lesson around imagination and creativity. Like Jack in the story, what can students imagine as their perfect car of the future. The author Chris Van Dusen has also written If I Built a School and If I Built a House - so all three might be blended into a common lesson or a sequence.