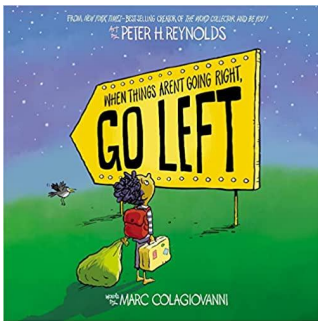




*These are examples of children's picture books, many with STEAM (Science / Technology / Engineering / Art and Math) themes, that we have use during STEM4Learning workshops as examples for building student engagement through read-alouds. Many associated activities and teaching units are shared in Picture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



## When Things Aren't Going Right by Peter Reynolds

[Amazon purchase page:](#)

**Summary:** another beautiful book from Peter Reynolds (see Skycolor and The Dot) this one with the powerful message of what do to when life just doesn't seem to be going "right" - perfect for young STEM creators to hear that the answer is often just a turn in their thinking or heading in a new direction

Link to Youtube Read-aloud Version -

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= oNaf2-Bbpo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNaf2-Bbpo)

Link to .pdf slides of book page by page

- [When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left.pdf](#)

Some related activity ideas

- Midway through just about any makerspace project you will have students who hit the wall and announce "I can't do this." This is one of several similar books (such as the Girl Who Never Makes Mistakes" or Beautiful Oops) that can help them reset their mindset and push ahead. Also great fun in a language class asking listeners to raise their right/left hand or jump left / right whenever they hear that word - very quick energizer.

