Scruffy Muffin

And the Missing Star Lantern

Suggested shared activity: ages 5-9



Explore friendship, inclusion and belonging through Scruffy Muffin and the Missing Star Lantern. Think about ways to invite someone into an activity and respect their choice.

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An invitation with a choice

Imagine a story character is watching a group activity. What could you offer? How could they join in, watch, try another role or say no?

An invitation I could offer

Different ways the character could take part

How I can respect their choice

Speak, point, draw, write, sign, use AAC or ask someone to scribe. You can skip a question.

A little guidance for adults

Begin with a choice

Offer the activity and explain what it involves. Let the learner choose how to take part, take a break or stop.

Read and notice

Use the included extract or the real page previews on the book page. Invite observations before giving your interpretation.

Make space for a response

Allow processing time. Accept speech, gesture, pointing, drawing, signing, AAC or silence. Avoid turning a shared story into a test.

Try one small next step

Use the supplementary activity. Notice the learner’s ideas and adapt the materials, pace and response method.

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