

EPISODE ACTIVITY

GIVE IT A LISTEN!



Season 4, Episode 17
Mr. Chuggy and Me/
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WHAT'S THIS ACTIVITY ABOUT?

Creating a story based on a chosen "theme."

WHAT STUFF DO I NEED?

Paper and something to write with!

"Be careful what you wish for--you just might get it." That's an old (and true) saying: sometimes the things we wish for don't turn out to be so great when we actually get them. That was also the "theme" of the story "Mr. Chuggy and Me," by a 9-year-old from Maryland named Jane.

"Theme" is the main idea, or the lesson about life a story is trying to get across. We wrote some examples on the "Theme Generator" on the next page. Any of those themes could be a great starting point for a story!

All you need to do is this:

CHOOSE A THEME!

For example, "it's what's inside that counts." That means we shouldn't judge people by how they look on the outside.

MAKE UP A CHARACTER FOR YOUR STORY:

It could really be anything you wanted--for example: "Fred the Unicorn."

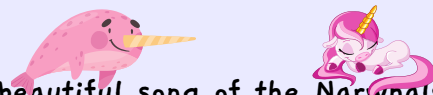
WRITE AND DRAW...

A beginning, middle and end of a story where the character learns the lesson you chose in the theme. The beginning should tell us about the character, the middle should show a problem that has something to do with your theme, and the end should be when the character learns their lesson.

Fred the Unicorn lives in Unicorn Village where everyone is a beautiful unicorn.



One day, a Narwhal named Nellie comes to visit and Fred doesn't want to be her friend. She swims in the water, isn't made of rainbows, and her horn is different from his horn!



Nellie sings the most beautiful song of the Narwhals in her sadness. Fred apologizes to Nellie! He had judged her because she looked different and that was wrong. He invites her to sing with him!



FOR EXAMPLE:

SHARE IT:

Grownups, please share what your kids create! Visit storypiratescreatorclub.com/submit, or just share on social media with #StoryPirates. Email creatorclub@storypirates.org if you have any questions.

Now you try it! Pick a theme, come up with a character, and then write and draw a story where a character learns a lesson based on that theme.

THEME Generator

Pick a number between 1-20! Then find the theme that matches that number below.

1. Nobody is perfect
2. Good things come to those who wait
3. It's what's inside that counts
4. Good will always triumph over evil
5. Love conquers all
6. Dreams can become reality if you work hard
7. Friendship is more important than fame
8. It is better to fail than to never try
9. Greed is wrong
10. The adventure is worth more than the prize
11. Challenges make us stronger
12. Family is important above all
13. We can survive anything if we have a purpose
14. Revenge isn't worthwhile
15. Kindness is more important than money
16. Life finds a way to survive
17. Taking care of the environment is important
18. Love is blind
19. We learn and grow as we get older
20. Absolute power corrupts absolutely