Me Too
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A story about imagining the very best kind of friend you could have.

Two little friends discuss the ‘someones’ they want to find when they grow up. Perhaps they’ve met them already. Me Too is a picture book about best friends, written by best friends, who wanted to write a story about “discovering what you want by realising what you have”. It’s about friendship, love, and loving your friends.

Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

Themes:
• Friendship
• Hobbies

Discussion Questions & Activities:
• View the cover and title of the book. Identify the following:
  ◊ The title
  ◊ The author
  ◊ The illustrator
  ◊ The publisher
  ◊ The blurb
• What do you think the story might be about from looking at the title only? Do your ideas change after seeing the cover? Write your own story using the title Me Too.
• Take turns describing/retelling the story as if you were explaining it to someone who hasn’t read it yet. What do you think are the most important parts of the story? Why do you think that?
• What is your favourite part of the book? What do you like about that part?
• Choose a page and discuss how the words and images convey what emotions the characters are feeling. Look at their body language, facial expressions and the language.
• Find someone in your class that you don’t know very well. Take turns asking each other questions to get to know each other better.
• Take turns telling the class about a time you made a new friend. How did you meet? Was it difficult or scary to introduce yourself to your new friend?
• Choose a spread and examine the colours used on the page. What do those colours make you think? How do they make you feel? Why do you think the illustrator chose to use those colours?
• Using information found in the text and illustrations, write a character sheet for the boy and girl. Consider the following questions when creating your character sheet:
  ◊ How old are they?
  ◊ What do you think they like doing?
  ◊ What skills do they have?
  ◊ What are they scared of?
• Write your own version of Me Too, include statements about what you hope to find in a someone, or about what you like about a friend you already have.
• This book was written by two authors. Why do you think they wrote the book together?