

Spirit

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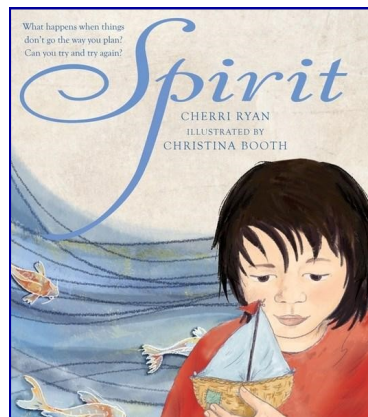
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What happens when things don't go the way you plan? Can you try and try again? *Spirit* is a beautiful picture book about hope.

I built a ship from this and that. I named her Spirit. Could Spirit sail? I knew she could.



Themes:

- Resilience
- Perseverance
- Imagination
- Hope
- Sailing

Discussion Questions:

- 'I built a ship, from this and that'. What was the ship made of?
- What does the word 'spirit' mean to you?
- Once you have read the story, does the significance of the name 'Spirit' change for you? Discuss this as a class.
- Why do you think the girl in the story wanted Spirit to keep going on more challenging adventures?
- Do you think that she was prepared for her to fail? Explain.
- How did she feel when she found Spirit broken? Was the girl's 'spirit' also affected? Discuss.
- What qualities did the girl show to fix Spirit?
- Who do you think was by the girl's side throughout the night? How is this picture symbolic in the context of the whole story?
- How can this story relate to our everyday lives? Think of examples when you thought your 'spirit' was broken, and what characteristics it took for you to bounce back.

Activities:

- Make your own small sailing ship from 'this and that'. Display these in your classroom.
- Can you recall all of the boat and sailing terms used in the story? Make a list of all of these and investigate their meanings.