Nannie Loves
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Nannie lives on a farm with rolling hills, a muddy creek, and lots of animals. Nannie loves everything about her farm. But what she loves most is when her family comes to stay. And her family love visiting her on the farm. There is so much to see and do on Nannie’s farm – picking fruit, herding the cows, shooing the sheep, walking across the rolling hills, and best of all, spending time with Nannie.

Teacher notes have been based on those prepared by the publisher, Working Title Press. A full version will be available on their website.

Themes:
- Family
- Farms
- Grandparents

Discussion Points and activities:
- Before reading the story with a large group of children, spend time reading with individuals and small groups. This provides opportunities for children to share their own responses to the story, and for educators to draw attention to how the words and the pictures work together to tell the story. ‘Look at Nannie. Is she happy? How can you tell?’ ‘Those chooks are running fast! Look, their feet are off the ground, they’re running so fast. Why are they running so fast?’
- Every page of Nannie Loves invites discussion. They can be a simple and friendly way of drawing the children’s attention to specific elements of how a picture storybook works.
- Invite the children to read along with you. Once they understand the pattern - Nannie likes..., Nannie collects..., etc. and Nannie loves..., you can pause so that they can join in.
- Talk about what you do with your Nannies and Grandads, or Aunties and Uncles, or friends you visit.
- Use the palette of colours that Kylie Dunstan uses for the setting, and paint your own background pictures.
- Draw or paint pictures of yourself with your Nannie, Pop, Auntie, Uncle, or someone else you love to be with.