

## Little One

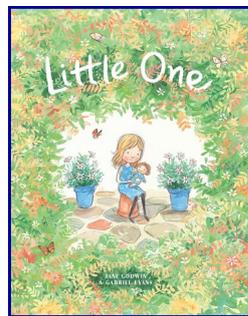
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Pippi loves her special Little One: she's soft like mist and always warm, and she's there for Pippi through night and day. Together, they sit at the window and wonder at the world. But one day, Little One goes missing. Pippi feels lost too, but perhaps she can learn to wonder at the world without Little One by her side... From a wonderful new pairing of Jane Godwin and Gabriel Evans comes a timeless story that reminds us nothing is ever truly lost.



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

### Themes:

- Loss
- Resilience
- Imagination
- Friendship

### Comprehension:

- Pippi has her own special doll: Little One! Who are Pippi's friends, and what are their favourite things?
- Do you have a special toy that you like to play with? See Activities One and Two to continue this discussion.
- Pippi and Little One spend a lot of time together. What do Pippi and Little One like to do together?
- What is the colour of Little One's dress? How about Pippi's quilt? Why do you think these colours are the same?
- There are a lot of children at the park on pages 12 and 15! Describe what some of them are doing. What is your favourite thing to do at a playground?
- Do you remember where Pippi left Little One? Where do you think Little One went after Pippi left her behind?
- What is the dog's name? What does Pippi think about the dog?
- On page 19, we see Pippi and her dad. There are no words on this page. What do you think Pippi and her dad are saying? Perhaps you and a friend in class can act out this scene.
- Why do you think Pippi's dad bought her a new doll? Was it was the best thing to do? Why? Why not?
- Have a look at Pippi's face on pages 26 and 27. How do you think she is feeling? What makes you think this way?
- Why do you think Pippi is alone on page 32? How do you think she feels on this page?
- Can you spot the blue pots at the beginning of the book? Flip through the book and see how many more times you can find the blue pots. What has changed about them by the end?

### **Social and emotional development -**

- Pippi's friends do not see Little One like Pippi does. It can be frustrating when our friends don't like the things we do, but it's important to remember that we are all allowed to like different things. What is something you like that your friends don't? What is something your friends like that you don't?
- On page 12, Pippi's friends are too busy playing with Mimi to think about their favourite toys or things. Sometimes as we grow up, we become interested in other things. Is there a toy you used to like, but don't anymore? Is there a toy you feel too old for, but still love?
- Losing something or someone we care about can be scary and sad. Pippi remembers Little One by keeping the little bit of her dress, and singing Little One's lullaby at night. How do you carry special things and special people in your heart?
- What would you say to your friend if they lost something or someone they loved?



### Activity One: Write a love letter to your toy

It's a good idea to tell people how much you love them. But when was the last time you told your favourite toy how much you loved it? Here is your chance to write a letter to your favourite toy or thing. Do you have a doll like Pippi? A favourite blanket like Lola? A teddy like Ed? Perhaps you have outgrown your favourite thing, but you'd like to let it know how much you loved it when you were little. Write it down in the space below!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

*Lots of love, from*

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### Activity Two: Draw a picture of your toy

If you didn't like the idea of writing a love letter to your special toy, perhaps you could draw a picture instead? Some picture ideas to consider:

- You and your special toy, at home or somewhere new.
- Your toy on holiday somewhere new without you.
- A scene from your day to show your special toy so that they know what you do when they're not there.
- A picture of you and your toy when you were younger,  
... or something entirely different!

Draw your picture below, or find a bigger piece of paper if you need.

