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Teacher Notes and Activities

Little Elephants

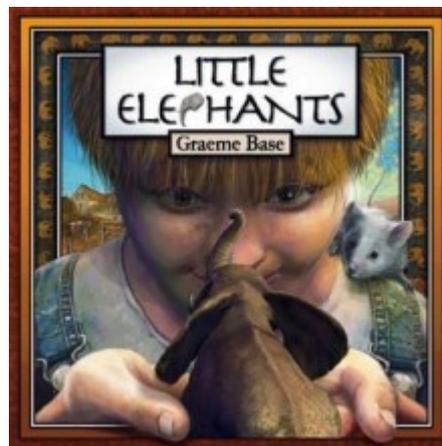
By Graeme Base

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The wheat is ripe, but the harvester is broken and a plague of locusts is on the way. It looks as if Jim and his mother may lose the farm. But when Jim show kindness to a stranger, their fortunes are set to change in the most surprising way imaginable!

From the creator of the bestselling favourites *Animalia*, *The Legend of The Golden Snail* and *The Jewel Fish of Karnak* comes this inspiring and magical tale.



Themes:

- Helping Others
- Farm life
- Believing
- Imagination/magic

Discussion Points:

- How did Jim treat the strange man that he found in the wheat field?
- What does this tell you about him?
- How do you think you may have reacted if confronted with the same situation?
- Do you think that Jim's kindness helped his family? Explain?
- Think of a time when someone has been kind to you. How did this make you feel? How did you thank them for what they did?
- What do you think was the significance of the horn that Jim found?
- How would you describe the appearance of the elephants? Do you think that they really could have appeared and do what they did for Jim and his mother?
- If you could have any animal appear in your life and help you, what would it be and why?

Activities:

- Jim's family was facing the prospect of losing their wheat crop from locusts. This is something that is very common in Australia. Investigate what other pests/natural disasters might cause Australian crops to fail.
- Graeme Base is well know for his magnificent illustrations. Choose your favourite picture from this book and re-create it in your own style.