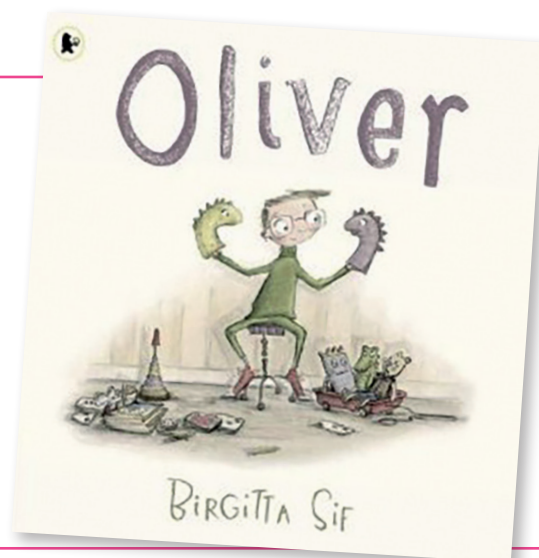


OLIVER

by Birgitta Sif

Walker Books
(Primary)



This beautiful story is about a little boy who is different. Oliver mainly lives happily. He relies on his imagination for companionship – puppets and toys are his companions. Sometimes though, he doesn't feel happy. He begins to feel sad that he is different.

Then, one day he loses his ball, and has to run to catch it. This begins the start of the most wonderful adventure for Oliver, as he meets a new friend, Olivia, who, like himself, is a bit different too.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- What did you most like about this story?
- When do you think Oliver is happiest?
- What makes Oliver feel sad? Do you ever feel sad at school? What makes you feel better?
- What makes Oliver feel different? Do you ever feel different? How does that make you feel?
- Would you like to be Oliver's friend? What might you do together?
- Which of the pictures in the book is your favourite? What do you most like about the image?

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Article 1: We are all born free and equal.

We are all born free. We all have our own thoughts and ideas. We should all be treated in the same way.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

- Circle time: Sometimes Oliver feels sad. Ask each child to think about a time when they have been sad at school. What made them feel better? Passing either a tennis ball or racket around the circle, each child shares their thinking 'If I feel sad at school, I feel better when xxxx'.
- Create a picture: Using a selection of recycled paper (newspapers/magazines etc) create a collage of 'what makes you feel better when you are sad'.
- Make a book: Provide the children with resources to make their own *being different* book. Ask children to write/draw things that make them different – and special.
- Mural Celebrating our Differences: Ask children to think about one thing that they like to do or play with that makes them different from others. Encourage the children to draw and label these, which will then be shared and celebrated on the wall.

OTHER USEFUL BOOKS

For more on teaching about rights in the Primary School through interesting and interactive activities www.amnesty.org.uk/primary-schools

Visit www.amnestystore.org.uk to buy a copy of Oliver by Birgitta Sif.

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