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Teacher Notes and Activities

King Pig

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Picture Book of
the Month

Because he was the king, he could make the sheep do whatever he wanted, whenever he pleased. But he just couldn't make them like him. A royal romp about a little pig with a lot to learn, from best-selling picture book creator Nick Bland.



Themes:

- Treating others well
- Being liked
- Respect
- Power

Discussion Points:

- What impression do you get of the King from the front cover? If you could use one word to describe him, before reading the book, what would it be?
- Look at the sheep in the illustrations on the first few pages. Do the sheep look like they are happy? How would you describe how the sheep might be feeling?
- Look at King Pig in the illustrations on the first few pages. Does King Pig look happy?
- Why didn't the sheep like King Pig? Recall five things from the story that King Pig did that might make the sheep not like him.
- Why do you think the King wanted the sheep to 'like him'?
- The King thought he was being nice to the sheep. Why do you think he thought that? Do you think that this had something to do with the power he had as King?
- Is it important to you that people like you? Explain.
- Do we spend too much time worrying about being liked?
- The King tried to fix things in the end. Do you think that the King will change his attitude?
- What other things could the King do for the sheep to say sorry?
- Can you think of things that we can do everyday to show kindness and respect to others?

Activities:

- Make a colourful cotton wool sheep using dyed cotton balls. Display these around your classroom.
- Create a list of things that you can and say do for someone that would be nice.