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Teacher Notes and Activities

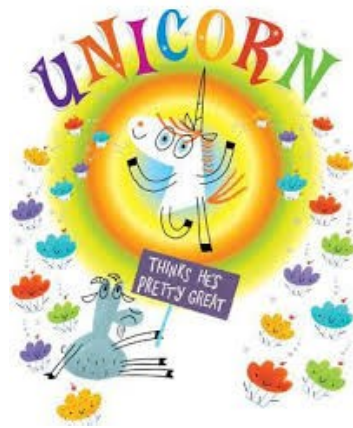
Unicorn Thinks He's Pretty Great

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Ever since Unicorn moved into the neighbourhood, Goat has been feeling out of sorts. Goat thought his bike was cool-until he saw that Unicorn could fly to school! Goat made marshmallow squares that almost came out right, but Unicorn made it rain cupcakes! Unicorn is such a show-off, how can Goat compete. When Goat and Unicorn share a piece of pizza, Goat learns that being a unicorn might not be all it's cracked up to be. And when Unicorn shows his admiration for Goat, it looks like the beginning of a beautiful friendship.



Themes:

- Unusual friendships
- Showing off
- Jealousy
- Appreciating our own uniqueness

Discussion Points:

- Goat thought everything was fine until Unicorn showed up. Have you ever had a situation where you have felt uneasy about someone coming into your life? What are some examples when this might happen?
- What was it about Unicorn that made Goat not like him? Do you know people who behave like this? What is your reaction to them?
- Why was it that Goat didn't think he was special or unique? How did Unicorn help him see that he was?
- Why can it often take someone else to tell us that we are special before we believe it ourselves? Explain.
- What are some ways that we can help others see that they really do have special qualities?
- Do you appreciate who you really are and your own 'uniqueness'?
- Have you ever ended up making friends with someone who you thought you wouldn't? Share with the class how you ended up becoming friends.

Activities:

- Think of two other creatures with unique physical features that would be unlikely friends. Design a picture and caption of these two creatures doing something special together, like the one in the story when Goat and Unicorn stop the bank robbers.