

## **Archie - No Ordinary Sloth**

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It is widely known that sloths like to sloth! All day and all night. Well, most sloths, that is.

Archie is a sloth. But, while all the other sloths like to flop and snooze and sloth about, Archie just can't sit still.

Is there any place in the world for an energetic sloth?



### **Themes:**

- Sloths
- Being Unique
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Diversification
- Acceptance of others

### **Discussion Points and activities:**

- Before reading the story, ask the students if they have ever heard of a 'sloth'?
- If so, what do you know about them, including their characteristics and where they live?
- How did Archie feel about being the only sloth who didn't like to 'sloth' all day?
- What did Archie do to try and get the others to join in with him? How did they react?
- Have you ever had a friend try to get you to do things you didn't want to do? Was your reaction like the other sloths or were you more understanding? Explain.
- When Archie left, who did he find in the jungle?
- What was different about all the animals that he found? Why do you think they were all in one place?
- "What's so bad about being different". How did the other animals explain why being different wasn't so bad?
- Why did Archie want to go home, even after the other sloths told him to leave? What did this tell us about the importance of being with family?
- How did Archie's actions prove to the other sloths that he belonged with them, even though he was very different to them?
- Paint your own picture of Archie bouncing and flinging around when he was fighting off the tiger.