

## **Eve & Elly**

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When Eve loses her faithful companion, a stuffed elephant called Elly, she's terribly sad. Eve's father will do anything to cheer his little girl up, so he tells Eve what adventures her toy has been up to. Dad's tall tale turns little Elly into a towering hero. But if Eve has seen through the story, she's not going to let on. She loves her silly dad just as much as she loves Elly.



### **Themes:**

- Special things
- Dealing with loss
- Accepting change
- Imagination

### **Discussion Points:**

- Do you have or have you ever had something that you cuddle and take everywhere, like a toy or a blanket?
- If so, what made it or them so special to you?
- Did you ever misplace it? How did this make you feel?
- How did Eve feel when she lost Elly? How did Eve's Dad try to help her cope with losing her?
- Do you think Eve really believed what her Dad was telling her about Elly's adventures?
- Why do you think she went along with his story? Do you think it helped her deal with how she was feeling about losing Elly?
- Why do you think we get attached to things?

### **Activities:**

- Paint a picture of Elly and along side of her paint a picture of something that is special to you.
- Pretend you are Eve's Dad telling the story of Elly trying to get home. Brainstorm your ideas as a class and then create a mural of all your creative things that she might do to get back to Eve.