

Upside Down Sid

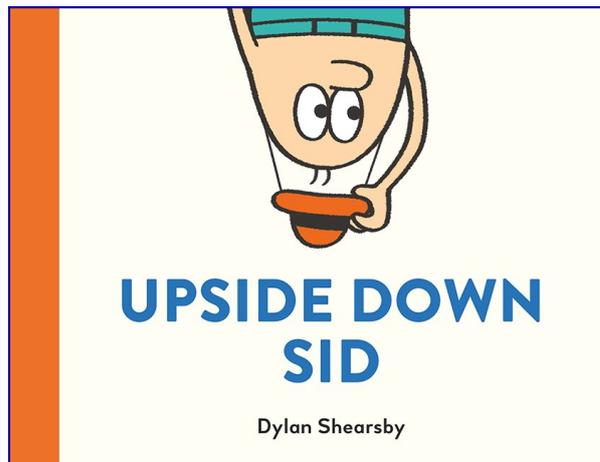
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Sid spends most of his time at home. He is upside down, so it's easier that way. Until, one day, a basketball lands in his breakfast and changes everything.



Themes:

- Being Different
- Acceptance
- Friendship
- Helping Others

Discussion Questions & Activities:

- Describe how did Sid felt about being 'Upside Down'?
- 'Sid tried not to let it bother him. But it wasn't easy fitting in... or making friends.' Can you relate to how Sid was feeling?
- Does this make you think about making sure to include others in your activities? Discuss this as class.
- Why do you think people can be apprehensive about others that are different to themselves?
- Can you imagine living your life upside down? Make a list of 10 things that you think would be the most challenging. Think about life at home, at school, at the shops, playing sport etc.
- What were the two things that Sid wished he had? Are these things that everybody should expect to have in their lives? Discuss.
- When Sid was at the fairground, why do you think that even the ghosts were scared of him?
- Why did Sid become nervous after he asked them to come home for lunch?
- Have you ever been in a situation like this, when you have doubted or felt nervous about a decision that you have made?
- Why do you think we have these thoughts and doubts?
- How would you describe what Sid's neighbours did for him?
- What characteristics did they show?
- Do you think it is important to help others?
- What is the nicest thing that anyone has done for you, and what is the nicest thing that you have done for someone else?
- How does helping others make you feel?
- Make a diorama of your own bedroom, with everything 'upside down'.