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Teacher Notes and Activities

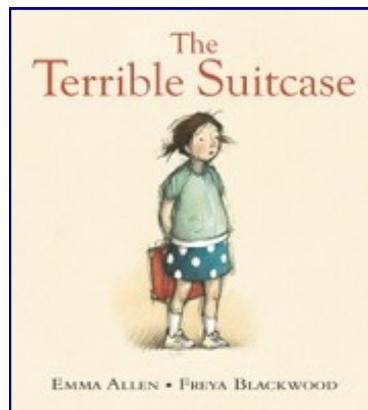
The Terrible Suitcase

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What do you do when it's your first day of school and your mum gives you a terrible suitcase instead of a red backpack with yellow rockets and a silver zipper? Well, first you get mad. M A D! Then you use your imagination to build a rocket ship and escape with all your new friends.



Themes:

- Disappointment
- Expectations
- Imagination
- Friendships

Discussion Points:

- Why was the suitcase so terrible?
- The girl in the story is MAD. Would you have reacted the same way as her if this had happened to you? Why or why not?
- Have you ever been given something that was not exactly what you wanted? How did you react? How did it make you feel? How do you think the person giving it to you felt?
- Is it a normal reaction to be disappointed when things don't happen the way we want? What other words could you use to describe this feeling?
- How can you avoid being disappointed when your expectations are not met?
- Millie was sad and wanted to go home. What does her friends reaction to this comment tell you about their friendship?
- The children at school all came together and used their imagination and created their own fun. What is the best game that you and your friends have ever thought up?

Activities:

- As a class, have everyone bring in a cardboard box and make your own cardboard rocket that you can all use to play in. Write your own 'space' story that you can act out using your rocket.
- Freya Blackwood has a very unique illustration style. Look at some of her other books and compare / contrast them to this one.
- Bring in an old suitcase or bag from home. Use stickers/paints/fabric to decorate it and make it fabulous and something you are proud of.
- Describe in detail what your perfect school bag would look like if you could have any bag that you wanted.