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Teacher Notes and Activities

Bubbay: A Christmas Adventure

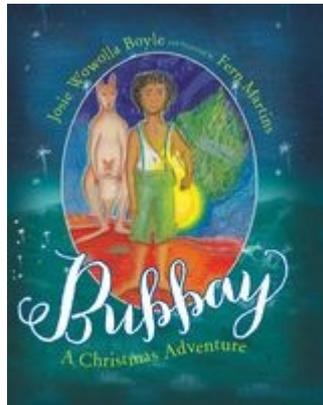
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Bubbay lives in the outback spending his days protecting a herd of goats. He sleeps in his swag under the stars and the only person he visits is Mrs Timms to swap goats' milk for eggs. One Christmas Eve, Bubbay wishes for something he has never had before. His friends, the stars hear him and, with the help of a talking Christmas tree, the magical Gubarlee and four desert animals, Bubbay begins a quest to make his dearest wish come true.

A hopeful story full of magic, combined with richly textured illustrations of Australian plants and animals.



Themes:

- Christmas
- Aboriginal culture
- Natural & Spiritual worlds

Discussion Points:

- What did Bubbay wish he had for Christmas? Do most people just take these things for granted? Explain.
- What is one thing that you love about Christmas?
- Discuss how and why the Christmas Tree appeared to Bubbay.
- How did the natural and spiritual worlds combine to make Mrs Timms' life and Bubbay's life better?
- Can you recall the five things that Bubbay had to find in order to have his Christmas wish come true?
- Who helped him find each item?
- How did you feel when Mrs Timms and Bubbay found themselves together? What does this tell us about friendships, family and loneliness?
- What are some ways that we can help others who are alone?

Activities:

- Go on a treasure hunt of your own to try and find the five things that Bubbay had to find. See how many different combinations your class can find.
- Choose one of the animals in the story and create a pastel drawing of it. Be creative with your colours and shading.