

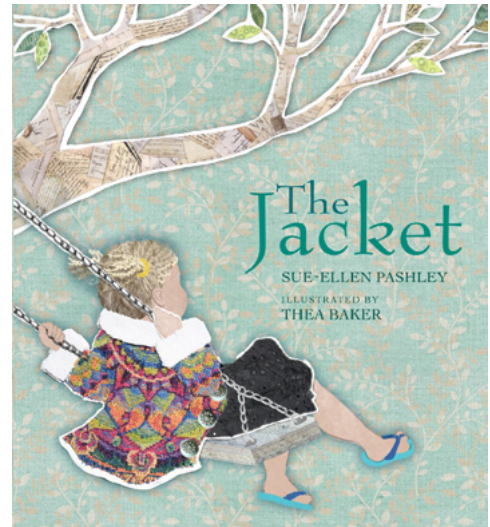
THE JACKET

Exploring the Story

Look at the illustrations in *The Jacket*. What interesting things has the illustrator used? Point out the use of collage to the group, showing that the materials used include fabric, wrapping paper, ribbons, sand, paper, paint, buttons and photographs.

Use the spread where Cornflake the cat has kittens as a counting activity. How many kittens can you count?

There are four dazzling buttons on the jacket at the beginning of the story and only two left on the teddy at the end. Ask the group what happened to the other two – show them the spread where they go to the beach and the spread with kittens.



Teddy Collage

Encourage fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and creativity with this collage activity. Using the teddy bear frame template, upcycle unwanted materials to create a special outfit for teddy. Children can take a fresh sheet of paper and stick materials to it in any way they want. Materials could include used wrapping paper, greeting cards, fabric from unwanted clothes, tea towels, tablecloths, etc. This is also a great use for upcycling books that are surplus to your collection, rather than throwing them out. Depending on ability level you could have the material pre-cut, or allow the children to do their own cutting. Once the collaged sheet is complete, cut the inside of the teddy bear's suit out of the frame and paste it to the collage (children may need adult help with this).

Sequencing *The Jacket*

Challenge comprehension skills by asking children to put these illustrations in chronological order. You can either cut out each square and paste down in order, or write a number next to the illustration indicating the order.

My Favourite Thing

Encourage your group relating to the story by asking if they have a favourite thing like Amelia and Lilly. It could be clothing, a toy, a book, a blanket, etc. Ask students to draw their favourite thing and write a few words on what they love about this particular object.







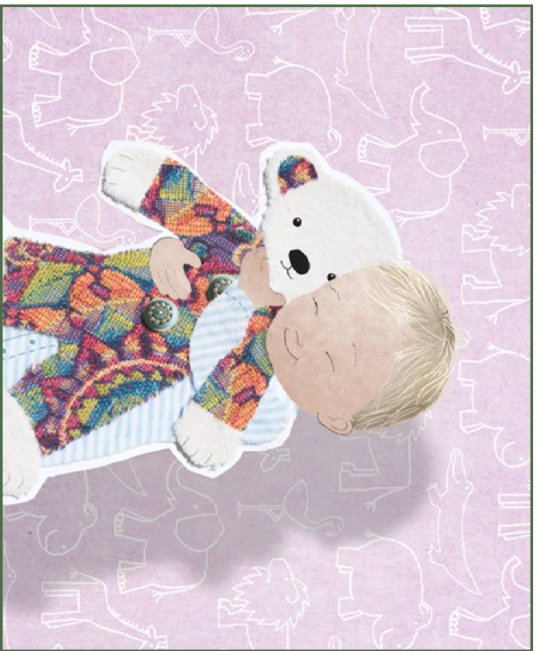
Lilly wears the jacket to the beach



Amelia outgrows the jacket



Cornflake has kittens in the jacket



Mum turns the jacket into a teddy



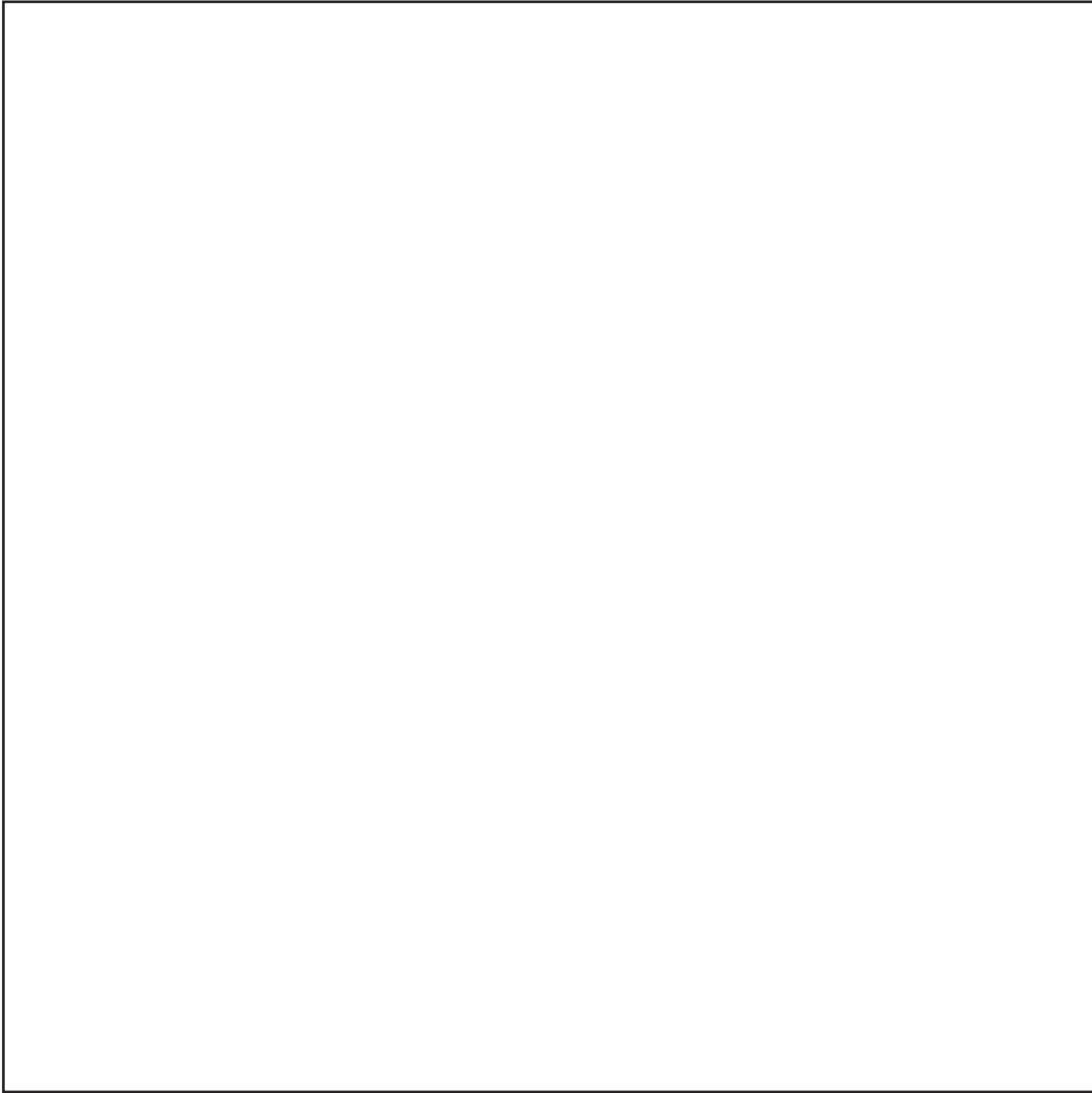
Lilly puts the jacket on her doll



Amelia receives the jacket

Name: _____

My Favourite Thing



My favourite thing is _____

It is my favourite because _____
