## Story Summaries



Character and S	Story Title	Story Theme/s	Story Summaries	Questions For Children
M P	The Day Vorty's Face Fell Off	A Story about Changing Feeling Faces	Morty goes on a walk during which his face keeps falling off! He learns about his feeling faces with the help of a talking river and that his changing feelings are linked to his shifting facial expressions and what fun he can have with that.	<ul> <li>Have you ever experimented with your feeling faces? How many do you think you might have?</li> <li>How good are you at reading feelings on other people's faces?</li> <li>How good are you at reading the feelings you face shows?</li> <li>Sometimes people try to hide their feelings behind a face that doesn't match their feelings on the inside. Have you ever noticed this? What were the clues?</li> </ul>
th	Norty and he Littlest Bunny	A Story about Unwanted Identity and Hidden Strengths	Morty has internalised many messages of fear and rejection from those around him and often feels uncomfortable in his own skin. This is a story about a little bunny who challenges some of Morty's self-beliefs and expands how he knows himself.	<ul> <li>Have you ever felt left out or lonely?</li> <li>Have you ever felt like you don't want to be seen?</li> <li>Have you ever felt misjudged like Morty?</li> <li>What are your strengths?</li> <li>What do other people see as your strengths?</li> <li>Do you think you might have any hidden strengths like Morty?</li> </ul>
	usan and e Sky Inside	A Story about Worries and Practicing Relaxation and Calm	Susan meets Franco the Sloth who validates her worries, introduces a simple breathing practise and tells her a story about how he learned to cope with strong feelings that swirl up in his life.	<ul> <li>Is there anything that worries you?</li> <li>Do you have someone to share your worries with?</li> <li>Have you ever felt like there is a storm inside of you?</li> <li>Did you know that you have a sky inside?</li> <li>Did you know that you can breathe in ways to help calm your body down?</li> </ul>
th	usan and ne memory Ilanket	A Story about Friendship, Feeling Seen & the Symbols of our Lives	Susan and Mabel are best friends. Susan feels like she is broken sometimes. Mabel finds a way of letting Susan know that all the parts of her are loved and accepted.	<ul> <li>If you had a precious blanket that had symbols of the most important things in your life sewn on it, what would they be?</li> <li>Who matters to you?</li> <li>Who do you matter to?</li> <li>Do you have someone in your life that you can talk with or just sit beside comfortably like Mabel?</li> </ul>

Ollie's Family Tree	A Story about Learning to Accept Nurture & Nourishment	Ollie arrives at the annual Big Tree Baking Exhibition. He steals some food and is caught by a pair of magpies. One magpie rejects him, while the other takes time to understand what lies beneath his behaviour. Ollie learns that he is worthy of care and finds a sense of belonging within the Big Tree.	<ul> <li>Have you ever felt like you messed up? What was that like? How did the adult's around you act?</li> <li>Who looks after you?</li> <li>Who do you consider family?</li> </ul>
Ollie, the Chef, and the Delicious Banana	A story about how adults can learn to better listen to children	A new café opens up in the Big Tree. The café's chef makes many attempts to win over Ollie's tastebuds. Along the way the chef learns about what it means to really listen and connect.	<ul> <li>What is your favourite thing to eat and drink?</li> <li>If you could add something to Jean-Pierre's menu what would it be?</li> <li>What did Jean-Pierre learn about the best way to get Ollie to come to his café?</li> <li>How well do you think adults listen to children like you?</li> <li>Do you have any ideas about how adults might do a better job at listening to children?</li> </ul>
Ellen and the Very Important Suitcase	A Story about the tricky business of transformation	A kind butterfly helps Ellen with her big transformation. Ellen discovers that transformation can involve accepting loss as well as gains and that some things about her will never change.	<ul> <li>What kind of big changes or transformations have happened in your life?</li> <li>How have they been for you?</li> <li>Has there been anyone to help you at times of change in your life?</li> <li>Have you ever looked forward to something, only to feel like you aren't ready when the time arrives? What happened then?</li> </ul>
Ellen the Invisible Caterpillar	A Story exploring the different ways we try to keep ourselves safe	Ellen is threatened by a hungry kookaburra. She meets a caterpillar and a bee that show her the ways they keep safe. The bee helps Ellen realise that Ellen has her own clever way of keeping herself safe.	<ul> <li>Ellen discovers that animals have different ways of keeping safe. Are there ways that people try to keep safe?</li> <li>How do you think Ellen feels when she realises she has more power to keep herself safe than she first thought?</li> <li>Did you know that like Ellen, people's bodies have some inbuilt super powers that we can use to help keep us safe if we need them?</li> <li>Have you ever felt unsafe? What was that like for you? Maybe you might consider talking with Ellen about it? She might understand? You might find out that you have a 'keeping safe' super power of two hidden within you.</li> </ul>

A Home Away From Home	A Story about carrying home with us	Molly moves away from her home in the backyard and is looking for the Big Tree when she meets a worm who helps her realise that she is not as un-protected and powerless as she had thought.	<ul> <li>Where do you feel the most sheltered and protected?</li> <li>What place/s do you consider home?</li> <li>What does home mean to you?</li> <li>If you were a snail that could curl up in your shell and feel protected and safe whenever you needed to, what would that be like? Would it change anything for you?</li> <li>If you were like a snail and travelled with your home on your back. What important things would you carry with you inside of your shell?</li> </ul>
The Lost and Found Day	A Story about the trails we leave, and how it can help to look back and acknowledge where we have come from.	Molly gets lost as she ventures away from the Big Tree. Sweetie the sugar glider spots Molly's snail trail and that helps Molly feel orientated and leads her home. Molly realises that looking back can help, and that others have trails that tell her about their lives.	<ul> <li>Have you ever seen a snail trail? Maybe you and your parent/carer could go looking for some?</li> <li>If you were a snail what would your trail look like? Would it be zig zaggy, or straight, or loopy or something else?</li> <li>If you drew one continuous line, like a snail trail, that represented your day/week/year/life- what would it look like?</li> <li>If you and all of the important people in your life were snails, what kind of trails would everyone leave? Would your trails overlap or go in the same direction or something else? Where do you think these trails might go in the future?</li> <li>Have you ever slowly come out of your shell? How were you brave enough to do that?</li> </ul>
Percy Finds his Place	A story for anyone who has found it hard to find their place in their family	Finding your right place is not always easy. Percy tries out many roles searching for how he belongs in his family. After much trying, he finds a unique way to fit into his family that is great for everyone.	<ul> <li>Have you ever found it hard to find your place?</li> <li>What's it like for you being a part of your family?</li> <li>Can you draw a picture of your family?</li> <li>If your family were bees in a hive, what jobs would they have?</li> <li>What jobs do you have in your family?</li> </ul>
Percy and Amina	A Story about the relationships that help us feel orientated	Amina has cared for Percy all of his life. Percy gets knocked off track on his first solo flight. He draws upon aspects of his most important relationship with Amina to help him find his way back home.	<ul> <li>Questions for Children</li> <li>What are some important things that adults have helped you to learn?</li> <li>Who are the adults in your life that care for you?</li> <li>What places are important to you? Why?</li> <li>Have you ever felt lost or unsure about what is ahead for you? If so, what was that like for you?</li> <li>Questions for Parents/Carers</li> <li>What places are important to you and your children?</li> <li>What are the most important landmarks or places you have known in your life?</li> <li>Who/what helps you to feel orientated in your life?</li> <li>How do you help your children feel orientated in their lives?</li> </ul>