



EARLY CHILDHOOD EPISODE 4: NANNA'S AWAY



Synopsis: Nanna's away for a few days and Little J is worried - why does everything have to change?

This episode is about Nanna being away for a few nights, helping an Aunty move house. Uncle Mick is staying at Nanna's, to take care of Little J and Big Cuz, and Ally is staying with them too. There is a lot of change to adjust to, even though it's just a few nights, and Little J and Old Dogs are the ones who are the most impacted.

In this Teacher Pack, there is an overview of how this episode can be utilised for key Learning Outcomes, including **prompting questions**, with an outline of some activities based on the principles and practices outlined in the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF).

Along with best practice pedagogical approaches, and AITSL Standards relating to Indigenous content, we encourage all teachers to find ways to link the content of each episode to the local community in which they teach.

**If you're planning on utilising additional resources (such as videos, websites, books etc) touching on themes that are covered in this episode, we recommend you use the 'AIATSIS Guide to selecting and evaluating educational resources' to ensure you're representing Indigenous perspectives accurately.*

Links to the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)

Learning Outcomes

- Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
- Children are confident and involved learners.
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
- Children are effective communicators.
- Children have a strong sense of identity.
- Children are active and informed members of the community.

EARLY CHILDHOOD ACTIVITIES

Below are some ***prompting questions*** to encourage children’s digital/screen literacies and comprehension

- *“Why did Nanna have to go away?”*
 - (Answer: Nanna was helping an Aunty move house).
- *“Who took care of Little J and Big Cuz while Nanna was away?”*
 - (Answer: Uncle Mick)
- *“Who is staying with Little J and Big Cuz besides Uncle Mick?”*
 - (Answer: Ally stayed over too)
- *“How do you think Little J was feeling with all the changes happening?”*
 - (Answer: He wasn’t very comfortable because he doesn’t like change.
- *“Who else was sad that Nanna was away?”*
 - (Answer: Old Dog)
- *“How can we tell that Old Dog was sad?”*
 - (Answer: He wasn’t eating, and he was looking around for Nanna a lot. He also couldn’t sleep... Until Little J let him sleep on his bed!)
- *“Have any of you ever felt sad when someone has to go away for a while?”*
- *“Do any of you have some big feelings when things change? Sometimes it can be hard to adjust to changes”*
- *“What were some of the changes that Little J didn’t like?”*
 - (Answer: Uncle Mick cut carrots differently to Nanna, and Big Cuz also started telling Little J the rules. Little J didn’t like feeling bossed around.)
- *“Where did Uncle Mick take the kids instead of having movie night at home?”*
 - (Answer: A picnic down by the river)
- *“What two activities were they going to do down the river?”*
 - (Answer: They were going to fish, and Big Cuz and Ally were going to make a story up).
- *“What animal did they see taking care of its chicks down by the river?”*
 - (Answer: An emu)
- *“Was it the mum or dad emu looking after its chicks by the river?”*
 - (Answer: It was the dad. Dad emus take care of the babies)
- *“How is the Emu in Big Cuz and Ally’s story different from the emus we know now?”*
 - (Answer: The Emu in the story could fly - Did you know that emus can’t fly? There are a lot of birds that can’t fly - for example: ostriches, cassowaries, and rheas - which are kind of like emus - penguins, kiwis, kakapo, takahe, and the Galapagos cormorant).

