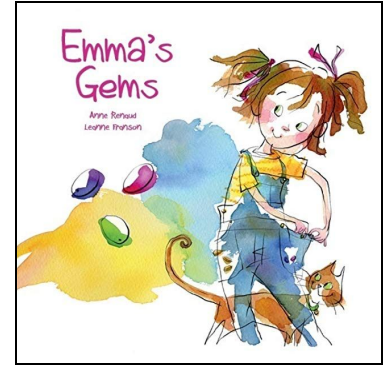


Emma's Gems

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AN ACTIVITY INSPIRED BY ANNE RENAUD!

When Anne visits a school to talk about Emma's Gems this is the activity she likes to do with the students. As this book's theme touches on altruism and making selfless gestures of kindness, children are called upon to decorate their own "generosity gems".

PREPARATION/MATERIALS:

Have the children bring in three small stones they can easily carry in their pockets. They can usually find them in their gardens or back yards. You can also find stones at the dollar store or a craft store. You will need materials to decorate the stones (e.g. felt pens, wax crayons, coloured foil, small stickers, etc.)

MINDS ON

Discuss with the students a time they helped someone else or they were helped? How did it make them feel to help another person? How did it feel to help another person?

LET'S READ!

Read the book with the students

LET'S MAKE

Discuss with the children how we might be able to learn from Emma and Grandpa Phil and work to do three acts of kindness each day.

Create the following chart on the white board/chalk board/smart board/chart paper and brainstorm acts that students can complete that fit in each category:

Sharing with a Person	Help an Animal	Take Care of the Environment

Once the class has had some time to brainstorm, each student can work to create their own "generosity gems" by decorating their stones.