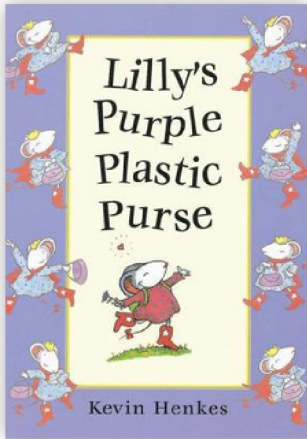




Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse

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Themes: Big Feelings, Forgiveness, Honesty, Self-Control, and Patience

Book Brief: Lilly loves school and her teacher, Mr. Singer. But when she brings her favorite possession, her purple purse with all her treasures inside, to school, Mr. Singer takes it away. Lilly learns some hard lessons about revenge and remorse.

READ ALOUD

Before Reading: Build Background

- Tell your child this book is about a girl who loves her teacher very much.
- Ask, “When have you ever felt so very excited and could not wait? What did you feel?”

While Reading: Make Connections

- How does Lilly feel when Mr. Slinger takes away her purse? How can you tell?
- When Lilly draws the mean picture, did she make a good choice?
- How does Lilly make things right the next day?

After Reading: Ask Questions

- Ask your child which story they liked best and why. Have them describe their favorite scene or character.

RELATED ACTIVITIES

If your child enjoyed this book:

- Help your child decorate a small paper bag as a special purse or bag. Together, fill it with treasures and take turns sharing why each one matters.

Let them explore more titles by Kevin Henkes:

- Julius, The Baby of the World (1995)
- Kitten's First Full Moon(2005)
- Chrysanthemum (2005)