

# Storytime Suggestions for *Rosie and Buttercup*

## Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative and fun by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character.

You might include:

- toy crickets
- cotton balls (sun-dried dandelion puffs)
- fun-colored socks
- family photo
- pillowcase

## Activity Materials

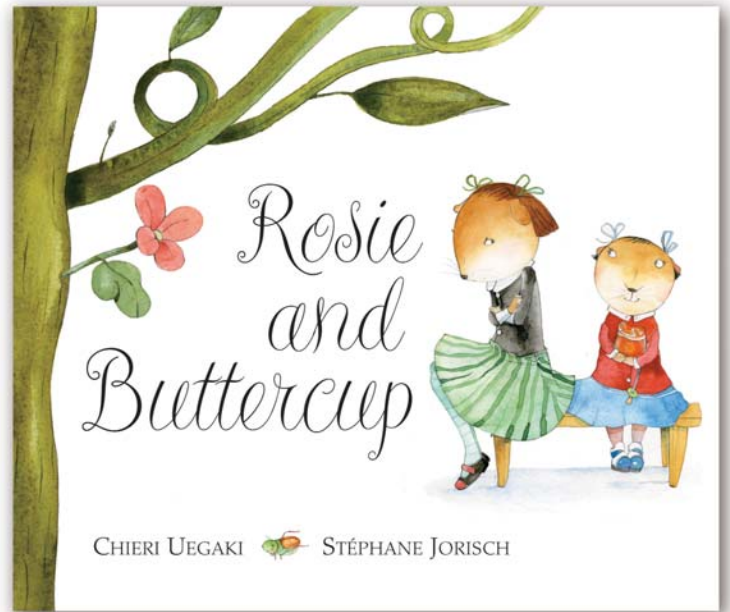
After you read the story with your group, use the activity materials to explore the concepts that have been introduced in *Rosie and Buttercup*, including forgiveness, kindness, sharing and family.

**You will need:**

- chart paper
- markers
- photocopies of activity on page 2

## Before Storytime

Ask your group to answer the following questions: Do you have a sister or a brother? What do you love about your sibling(s)? What are some activities you enjoy doing together? What annoys you about your sibling(s)? Then ask the children in your group to share a time when they were particularly upset with their sibling(s).



## After Storytime

Keep the fun going by asking your group to participate in some of the following activities:

1. Rosie and Buttercup's favorite game to play together is the sock game. Make a list of games that are fun to play with two people instead of one.
2. At the end of the story, Rosie decides to share one of her favorite things with Buttercup — one of her pet crickets. Ask your group to make a list of things that are fun to share with a sibling and discuss the importance of sharing.
3. Hand out photocopies of the activity on page 2. In the story, Rosie has to give up some of her favorite things to get her sister back. Ask the children in your group to draw an item or a group of items on the pillowcase that they would give up to get their brother or sister back.



*What would you trade to get your brother or sister back?*

