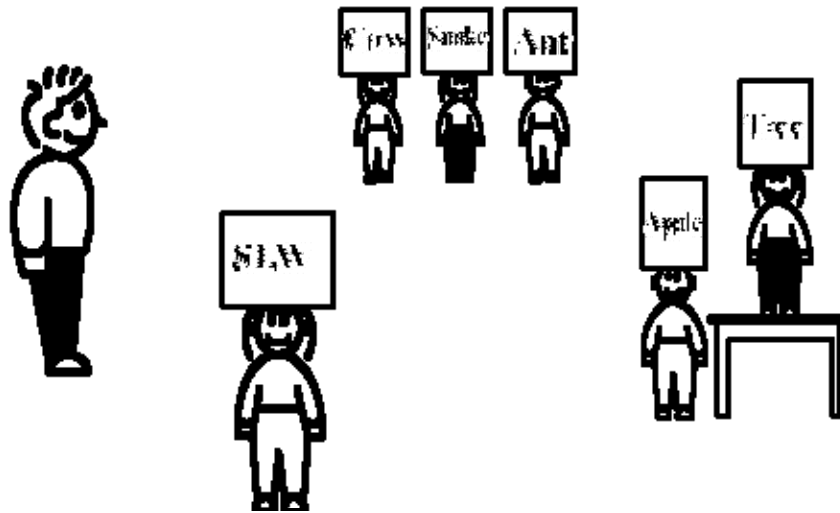


### THE SAD LITTLE WORM



### SUMMARY

A little worm has no friends: no big friends, no little friends, no tall friends, no short friends, etc. Eventually, he finds an apple to be his friend. But what do worms like to do to apples? Eat them, of course. The poor worm loses his only friend.

### CHARACTER FLASHCARDS

- The Sad Little Worm (SLW)
- The Big Cow
- The Pretty Ant
- The Long Snake
- The Boy
- The Apple
- The Tree
- The Sun

### SET-UP

Choose the children to play the various roles. Now arrange them like in the picture above. The SLW stands in the front of the class. To the side stand the apple and tree. All the other characters can sit behind waiting for their turn.

Use the coloured character flashcards to make headband masks, or, fasten a string to the pictures and hang them around the children's necks.

### \_\_\_\_\_THE SCRIPT\_\_\_\_\_

*The SLW paces back and forth in front of the class. He makes gestures to match the descriptive words "big, little, tall, short, pretty and ugly".*

**SLW: I have no friends. No big friends. No little friends. No tall friends. No short friends. No pretty friends. No ugly friends. I have no friends. Boo hoo.**

*As the SLW cries the cow walks up to him.*

**COW: Hello.**

*The SLW looks up.*

**SLW: Hello. Who are you?**

**COW: I am Big Cow.**

**SLW: Oh, are you my friend?**

*The cow shakes his head and laughs:*

**COW: Oh, no, no, no. I am not your friend.**

*The SLW asks why in a very dramatic fashion.*

**SLW: Why?**

**COW: Because I am big and you are little. I don't like little friends.**

*The SLW is very angry.*

**SLW: Oh, I don't like you. Go away.**

*The cow shrugs her shoulders and walks away. The SLW cries again.*

**SLW: Oh, I have no friends, and I am little.**

*Just then the ant walks by and says:*

**ANT: You are not little.**

*The SLW is excited again.*

**SLW: Really. Who are you?**

**ANT: I am Pretty Ant.**

**SLW: Oh, are you my friend?**

*The ant laughs and says:*

**ANT: Oh, no, no, no. I am not your friend.**

*The SLW is confused again.*

**SLW: Why?**

**ANT: Because you are ugly and I am pretty. I don't like ugly friends.**

*The SLW is angry again.*

**SLW: Oh, I don't like you. Go away.**

*The ant shrugs and walks away. The SLW starts to cry.*

**SLW: Oh, I have no friends. And I am ugly.**

*Just then the snake walks by and says:*

**SNAKE: You are not ugly.**

**SLW: Really? Who are you?**

**SNAKE: I am Long Snake.**

**SLW: Are you my friend?**

*The snake laughs and says:*

**SNAKE: Oh, no, no, no. I am not your friend.**

**SLW: Why?**

**SNAKE: Because you are short and I am long. I don't like short friends.**

*The SLW is even more angry this time.*

**SLW: Oh, I don't like you. Go away. Go away.**

*The snake shrugs and walks away. The SLW starts to cry again. He sits down near the apple tree.*

**SLW: Oh, I have no friends.**

*In the apple tree, the apple says:*

**APPLE: I am your friend.**

*The SLW looks for the voice. The apple is up high but the SLW keeps his eyes low as he looks around.*

**SLW: What? What? Who are you?**

**APPLE: I am Red apple.**

*SLW looks around for the apple again.*

**SLW: Where are you?**

*The Apple waves his hands and shouts:*

**APPLE: Here. In the tree.**

*SLW looks up. Just then the boy walks by and stands over the SLW.*

**BOY: Oh, look. It's a short, little, ugly worm. I don't like worms.**

*The boy lifts his leg to step on the SLW. The Apple shouts:*

**APPLE: No!!!!!!**

*The apple jumps down from the tree and knocks the boy on the head. The boy falls down. He shakes and rubs his head. Then he spots the apple who is now sitting on the floor beside the SLW.*

**BOY: Oh, it's a red apple. I like red apples.**

*The boy opens his mouth and pretends to bite the apple. The apple backs up. This can be a funny scene with the boy chasing the apple around the classroom a few times.*

**APPLE: Help me! Help! Little worm! Help me!**

*The SLW stands up and runs between the apple and the boy. The SLW*

*makes a protective gesture in front of the apple. The boy stops and says:*

**BOY: Oh. The apple has a worm. Yuck.**

*The SLW makes an ugly face and barks at the boy.*

**SLW: Go away!**

*The boy walks away in disgust.*

*The SLW and the apple hug each other.*

**APPLE: Thank you friend. Thank you.**

*The SLW looks surprised.*

**SLW: What? Are you my friend?**

**APPLE: Yes. I am your friend.**

**SLW: Oh, I have a friend. Hurray. Hurray.**

*The SLW jumps up and around in happiness.*

**SLW: I am so happy. Let's go eat.**

**APPLE: Eat? Eat what?**

*The SLW thinks for a moment.*

**SLW: Let's eat.....you! Yes, let's eat you.**

*The apple looks scared.*

**APPLE: Eat me?**

**SLW: Yes, I am a worm. Worms like to eat apples.**

*The SLW opens his mouth and moves toward the apple. The apple screams and runs away. The SLW chases the apple around the class. Eventually the apple gets away (he can leave the classroom).*

**SLW: Come back. Come back.**

*The SLW stops running and stands in front of the class again. He looks very sad. He sighs and says:*

**SLW: Oh, I have no friends.**

