



Big stories, fewer barriers.



Symbolised

Little  
Cherries

Chummy Asks First

Teaching and Learning Resources

## About this Resource

This resource can be used by parents, teachers, carers and young readers.

It is designed to provide fun, engaging and creative ideas to explore **Chummy Asks First**.

The resources are suitable to use in and out of the classroom, allowing young readers to get even more out of the book!

## Summary

Chummy lives in Happy Hills Orchard. Chummy loves hugs and tickles and holding somebody's hand. But Chummy learns that not everybody else loves to do this. Chummy learns that they should ask first before doing these things because some cherries don't like it.

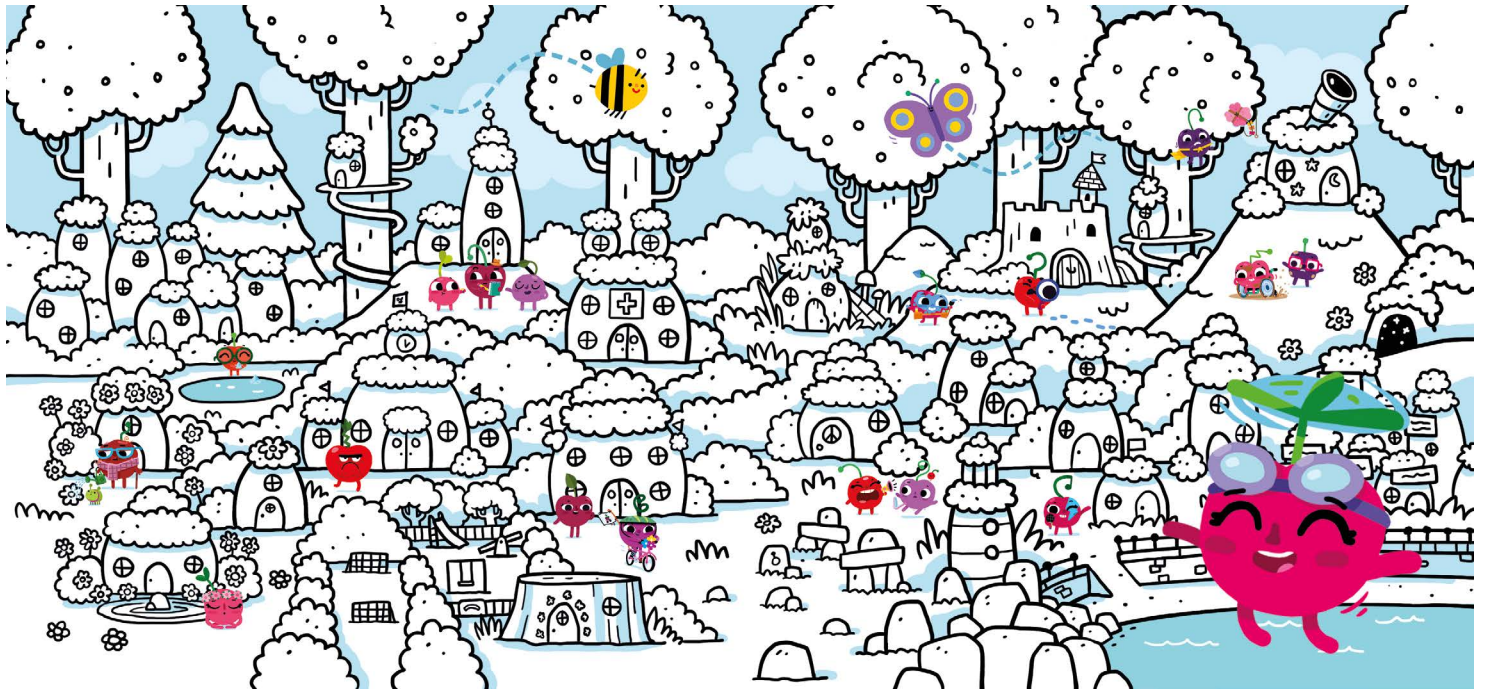
## Happy Hills Orchard

Happy Hills Orchard is a happy little orchard where the little cherries live, learn and have fun! There are lots of little cherries in the orchard and each little cherry is different. Find out about all of the little cherries in each book.

## But What is an Orchard?

An Orchard is an area of land where fruit trees are grown. The Happy Hills Orchard grows cherry trees but an orchard can grow lots of different fruit trees. Fruit trees can also grow in a garden, a park or woodlands. But it is only an orchard when there are lots of fruit trees growing together.

**Activity: Catch the Fruit!** Have lots of toy fruit or small balls (pretending to be fruit) scattered around the room. Each person gets 30 seconds to run and collect as many pieces of fruit as they can and put them into the fruit basket at the front of the room. Who collected the most fruit in the amount of time? To make it trickier you could have two fruit pickers running at once.





**This is Chummy. They are the main character in Chummy Asks First.**

- Chummy is a small pink cherry with a long green stalk.
- Chummy loves to give hugs, hold hands with other cherries and tickle them. It makes them very happy.
- Chummy finds that even though they love doing this, not every cherry does and it makes some cherries upset or nervous instead of happy.
- Chummy learns to ask cherries before touching them and that sometimes cherries might want to do something else like a high five, and this is okay.

## Activity 1: Secret Handshakes

Sometimes people give hugs when they see their friends and other people might not like this. Some friends use a secret handshake to say hello to each other.

Create your own secret handshake with a friend. You do not have to touch each other if you do not want to, it could just be actions you do at the same time as each other. Your handshake might include a spin, a wave, a thumbs up and any other actions you think would be fun for you and your friend!

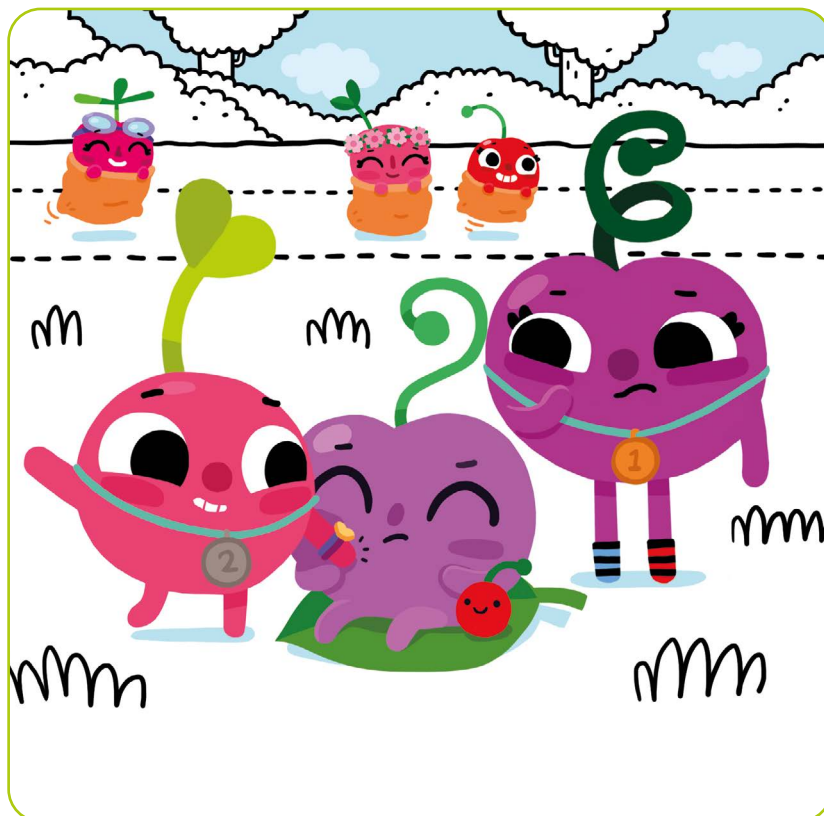


## Activity 2: We Are All Different

Everybody likes or dislikes different things and that is okay. We can still be friends with each other.

Collect some food items and toys and find out who likes them and who doesn't.

Pass the item around a circle and if you don't like it, say no to the person trying to pass it to you. Your friend should then listen and pass it to somebody else. Remember it is okay to say no and you should listen when somebody says no to you. Saying no and hearing no can be tricky, but it is a good word to use to help us when we don't like something.



## Activity 3: Words are Powerful

Sometimes instead of giving hugs to our friends we can use our words to talk to them.

Think about different ways to show somebody you are happy for them, or want to help them using your words.

Practice saying these words in a call and repeat game.

Example words:

- Well done!
- Amazing!
- I hope you feel okay.

Keep repeating role play situations to practice using words instead of touch to express emotions.





## Activity 4: Huge Hugs

*A big hug can make some people happy. Who do you love giving hugs to at home or with your friends?*

*Paint a picture of who you like to hug and give it to them when you see them next. It will make them happy and you will feel proud of your artwork*

- What did Chummy love to do?
- Why did Chummy hug Dizzy?
- What did Dizzy like to do instead of hugging?
- Why did Chummy tickle Ant?
- What did Chummy remember to do before holding hands with Dot?
- Why is it important to ask first?

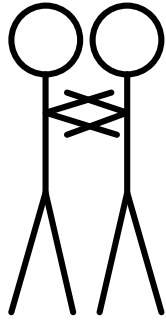
## Extra Fun Challenges!

- Make your own finger puppets to retell the story.





# Symbol Cue Cards



Hug



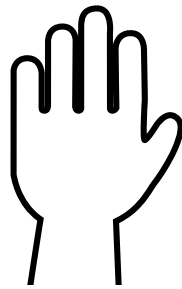
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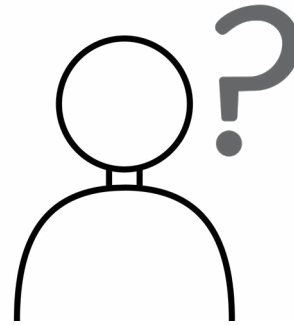
High Five



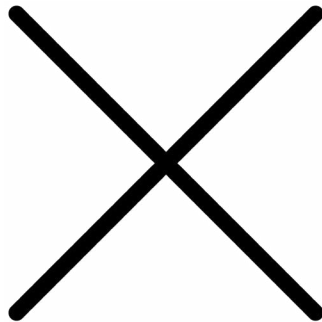
Hold Hands



Touch



Ask



No



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