Episode: “Lily Pad Crown”

Albie participates in a dance contest and loses her cool when Huggy Pepper wins. Albie visits a dance-off and watches as one dancer wins while others don’t. It’s okay to feel disappointed, but we can still be happy for our friends.

Activity

Materials:
- Printer
- Albie puppet template
- Brown paper bag
- Pep puppet template
- Popsicle sticks, straws or pencils
- Tape
- Glue stick
- Drawing and coloring supplies

Steps:
1. Watch “Lily Pad Crown,” and notice how Albie realizes she was unkind to Huggy because she didn’t win the competition. How did they work out their problem? You can retell this story using puppets.
2. Print the Albie and Pep puppet templates.
3. Color and decorate Albie, Huggy and the Peps.
4. Help your child cut out each of the different puppet parts. Albie will go on a paper bag, while Huggy and the Peps will each be attached to their own stick.
5. Glue or tape Albie’s face to the flap of the paper bag and her arms and body to the front and sides.
6. Tape Huggy and each of the Peps to their own stick, like a popsicle stick, straw or a pencil.
7. Hide behind a couch or counter so that only your puppets can be seen, and perform your

No printer? No problem! Draw your own Albie onto a paper bag, and cut out your own Peps to tape to a stick. Peps are especially easy to doodle: just make a shape or scribble and add some eyes!
own Lily Pad Crown competition for an audience. Play some music as Albie and the Peps have a dance-off. Express Albie’s anger when Huggy wins and Huggy’s disappointment at Albie’s reaction. Make sure they make up at the end and celebrate one another!

8. Imagine more stories to tell using your puppets.

**Tips**

- Incorporate other kinds of puppets into your show. Stuffed animals, a sock puppet or even a hand can make for great puppet-like creatures to tell stories.

**In this activity, your child:**

- Practiced fine motor skills through cutting, coloring and gluing their puppet together
- Recalled the events from the episode and told the story of the dance competition
- Understood and expressed the conflicts and emotions experienced by characters

**Talk to your child! Conversation Starters:**

- Albie feels angry and disappointed when she doesn’t win the dance competition and takes her frustration out on Huggy. Can you think of some ways that Albie could have reacted differently?
- How do you feel when someone else wins a game or gets something that you don’t? As a family, let’s make a list of things you can do if you are feeling jealous or angry that someone else got something you didn’t.

**Vocabulary**

**Jealous:** To feel upset because someone else has something that you want

**Perform:** To put on a show, act or dance for an audience
Keep Going!

Make a Puppet Theater
DIY a puppet theater from a large cardboard box. Cut a window and invite your child to decorate their theater. Add two pieces of fabric to the window for curtains to further conceal the performers.

Shadow Show
Turn off the lights, and hang a sheet in a doorway. Set up a light source facing the sheet, and stand in front of the light to perform a shadow puppet show. Use your hands or toys as puppets to entertain an audience on the other side of the sheet.
More At-Home Activities
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Children’s Books with Related Themes
Check out these children’s books online or at your local library to continue exploring the concepts in this episode.

*I Really Want to Win* by Simon Philip
A young girl is determined to win all the games at her school’s sports day but learns that winning isn't always that easy.

*I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Schofield-Morrison
An impromptu dance party happens on the way to the park when a young girl notices the rhythm of the world around her.