Episode: “Good Day”

Albie’s bad day turns around with a visit from artist Amy Orr, whose art is made of many small pieces. Albie learns one bad moment doesn’t need to make her whole day bad. A day is made of many pieces, just like Amy’s art.

Activity

Materials:
• Paper
• Gluestick
• Scissors
• Tape
• Colored paper scraps
• Discarded paper scraps (receipts, wrapping paper)

Steps:
1. Watch “Good Day,” and pay attention to how Albie feels when her crayon breaks. Have you had a day that didn’t go your way?
2. At Amy’s studio, notice how she uses many small objects to create one big artwork. You can make your own art from little pieces. Start by collecting scraps of recycled paper around the house.
3. Rip, cut and tear your scrap paper into many bits and pieces. Make big rips to create long strips of paper or tiny tears to make smaller shapes.
4. Place your paper pieces on top of a larger piece of paper and rearrange them into different patterns and pictures until you settle on a design.
5. Glue your design down, encouraging your child to create some texture by overlapping pieces.

Tips
• Try different types of paper to help very young children with their ripping. Tissue paper, wrapping paper and foil can be very easy to crumple and tear. This project is also a chance to practice those scissor skills.
• Sometimes glue can be messy! If you’d like to avoid a sticky situation, you can also use tape for this project. You can even use bits of masking tape in your design.
In this activity, your child:

- Practiced fine motor skills by using scissors or ripping paper with their hands
- Made choices as they rearranged their pieces to settle on a design
- Created a picture using small pieces of paper

Talk to your child! Conversation Starters:

- How did it feel to tear and rip the paper?
- In this episode, Amy tells Albie that a day can be made up of little moments. What do you think this means?
- As you create your art, talk with your child about the many different parts of your day.

Keep Going!

Rose, Thorn and Bud
This episode is all about the many kinds of moments that make up a day. Ask your family to share their rose, thorn and bud at the end of each day. The rose is the best thing that happened that day. The thorn was the not-so-great thing that happened. The bud is something you’re looking forward to.

More Bits and Pieces
There’s so many types of artwork made of little bits and pieces that come together to make a whole. Find them all around: look at tiled patterns and mosaics on the floor or in the bathroom, quilted patterns on bedding, even pixels on screens or in video games. Find inspiration everywhere!

Vocabulary

**Moment:** A short period of time that helps make up your day

**Collage:** A type of artwork where many pieces of paper are glued on to a surface

**Overlap:** When something is in front of or on top of something else (like a piece of paper that is on top of another piece)
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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.

*The Perfect Square* by Michael Hall
A square gets torn and ripped into different pieces and reinvents itself each day into new pictures.

*Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* by Judith Viorst
Alexander copes as he has a very bad day.