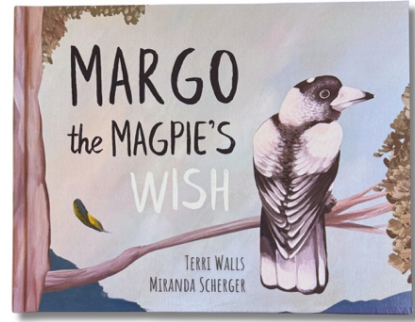


## Teacher Notes – *Margo the Magpie's Wish*

**Recommended for:** Foundation – Year 2

These notes are designed to support parents and teachers in exploring the story with young readers.

*Margo the Magpie's Wish* is a warm story about identity, self-acceptance and recognising what makes us unique. It opens up simple, meaningful conversations about confidence, comparison and belonging.



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### Quick Lesson Guide (15–20 mins)

#### Learning focus:

- Identity and self-acceptance
- Recognising individual strengths
- Expressing thoughts and feelings

#### Lesson flow:

1. **Activate (2–3 mins)**  
Ask: "What makes you special?"
2. **Read (5 mins)**  
Read the story aloud
3. **Discuss (5 mins)**
  - What did Margo wish for?
  - What did she learn?
  - Why is being different a good thing?
4. **Activity (5–10 mins)**  
Draw something you're great at

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### Key Themes

- Self-acceptance
- Identity
- Emotional resilience
- Australian wildlife
- Parent-child connection

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### Curriculum Links (Australian Curriculum – Early Years / Foundation)

## English

- Listen to and respond to stories
- Share ideas through speaking and drawing

## Personal & Social Capability

- Recognise emotions
- Build confidence and self-awareness

## Science (Biological Sciences)

- Identify features of Australian animals
- Notice similarities and differences

## The Arts

- Express ideas through drawing and storytelling
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## Before Reading

Start simple and open:

- What birds do you know?
- Have you ever wished you could be like someone else?
- What makes you special?

Keep it conversational, no right or wrong answers.

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## During Reading

Pause and prompt gently:

- How do you think Margo is feeling here?
- Why does she want to be like other birds?
- What do you think Daddy Magpie might say?

Focus on feelings and curiosity, not “getting it right”.

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## After Reading

### Discussion Questions

- What was Margo's wish?
  - Did her wish change by the end?
  - What did she learn about herself?
  - What makes you different from others?
  - Why is being different a good thing?
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## Activities

### 1. Draw Your Own "Wish"

Ask children to:

- Draw something they wish they could do
- Then draw something they're already great at

Supports students to recognise their own strengths

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### 2. Australian Bird Match-Up

- Talk about the birds in the story (magpie, kookaburra, lorikeet)
- What makes each one unique? (sound, colour, behaviour)

Links story learning to the real world.

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### 3. Bee Search & Counting

Use the activity from the end pages:

- Count how many bees you can find
- Group them (e.g. in 2s or 5s)

Builds early numeracy skills through play

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### 4. "My Special Qualities" Circle

- Sit in a circle
- Each child shares one thing they like about themselves

Builds confidence and connection.