

David Gibb

Key skills:

- Listening
- Singing
- Friendships
- Relationships
- Empathy
- Respect
- Understanding

Lesson plan:

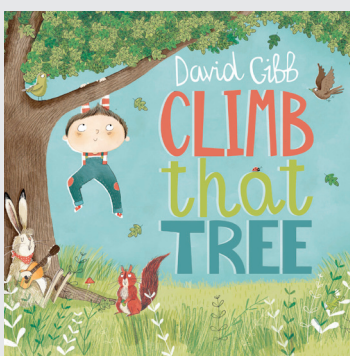
The Cat Came Too

Activity

1. Listen to the song *The Cat Came Too* from David Gibb's album *Climb That Tree*. Print the lyrics sing and along with the song.
2. Read the lyrics out loud to the class. As a group discuss William and Toby's friendship. Was Toby a good friend to William? Was William right to forgive Toby? What makes a good friend?
3. As individuals ask the children to make a list of 10 qualities that they think a good friend should have.
4. Share these together and then in groups ask the children to discuss what Toby could have done differently in order to be a better friend.

Extension Activities

1. Write a letter from Toby to William apologising for jumping in the river and getting him wet. Think about ways that Toby might be able to make it up to William.
2. It's quite unusual for a cat and a dog to be friends! Try writing your own song or story about a pair of unlikely friends and the adventures they might get up to.



The Cat Came Too from David Gibb's album *Climb That Tree* - **TRACK 5**.

Available from
iTunes Amazon,
Spotify and
www.davdgibb.com.

Further listening:

Randy Newman - You've Got A Friend In Me
Andrew Gold - Thank You For Being A Friend
Queen - You're My Best Friend

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LYRICS: The Cat Came Too

We've got a dog named Toby,
His best friend's a cat called Will,
Toby's favourite things are sleeping and eating,
And Will likes perching on the windowsill,
And so, wherever they go, They stick together,
Because that's what best friends do,
So whenever we take the dog for a walk,
The cat comes too.

Toby likes to jump in the river,
Getting everybody soggy and wet,
Now he's splashing around, seeing what can be found,
But he's forgotten his friends, how could Toby forget?
Poor Will has had enough, of Toby playing rough,
That's not what best friends do!
So whenever we take the dog for a walk,
Why should the cat come too?

As Toby climbs out of the river
There's no sign of Will to be found
But there's one, two, three hissing cats looking mean,
Their claws razor sharp as they circle around.
Ohh, but when there's trouble,
Will is there on the double!
Because that's what best-friends do,
So whenever we take the dog for a walk,
The cat comes too.

A friend's simply someone who's there for you,
To help dry you off when you're wet,
Whether furry with four legs or even just two legs,
They'll always be there (even when they forget),
And so, wherever you go, You stick together,
Because that's what best friends do
So whenever we took the dog for a walk,
The cat came too.

