



n:vestigation: Next steps

Explore It!

Share this story with your child about how Gabby and Barney are starting a new class at school. Share how they're excited about some things, like their new teacher, equipment and class garden, but are worried about others. Explain how they're particularly worried about sitting on different tables, as they've always sat together before, and don't know what people on their new tables will be like. How can they be brave and take this next step of starting a new class? Let's **n:vestigate**...

Jump Up!

Play Mini/Massive Meerkat Step. Draw or tape two lines each at different ends of the room; in between these lines is the desert. Your child is to stand like a meerkat behind one of the lines, you, the adult, should stand behind the other line, as the eagle.



The eagle can call out any of the following:

- Mini meerkat step – your child is to take one small step forward
- Massive meerkat step – as above, only this time, a giant step is to be taken
- Eagle fly – your child has to run back through the desert/over the line without being tagged by the eagle.

The game is repeated, if someone was tagged in the previous round, they change to become the eagle.

Get Mucky!

Engage with an arts and crafts challenge with your child to create a pair of 'super school socks'. Using fabric pens or poster paint, encourage your child to decorate a pair of white socks with pictures of the things they enjoy.

Alternatively, your child could just decorate a card/paper sock shape. Get everyone in your home to do the same and then muddle them up to see if your child can guess which socks belong to which person.



Explain how when stepping into a new class/club, one of the things they can do is find out what others enjoy doing – as it could be things they enjoy doing too. This can help them to get to know others and make friends.

Dig Deep!

Share with your child the story of David and Goliath in the Bible | Samuel Chapter 17 or look it up in a children's version of the Bible, such as the Good News Translation, using www.biblegateway.com. Explain how even though David was really small, he was able to take a big step forward and face the giant Goliath, because he trusted God and knew that God would help him. Pass around a cuddly meerkat, or similar, and encourage your child to share how they'd like to be helped when taking the next step of starting a new class/club. When holding the object, if they would like to, they can pray out loud.

Connect

Why not share with your child's GB leaders via email/ Facebook etc. what the children have been learning and anything you'd like prayer for?