

CHRYSANTHEMUM

Chrysanthemum thinks her name is “absolutely perfect” until she is teased about it at school. Expressive pictures and the humorous, sensitive story will strike a chord with young children.

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Ages: 4 – 8

32 pages

Themes:

- Relationships

- Self esteem

- Diversity

- Self awareness

This charming, fun book will give you an opportunity to talk to your child about his or her name. Talk about where your child’s name came from. Was he or she named after a relative, a favorite friend, a movie star?

This book also deals with teasing and can be a good way for you to talk to your child about this subject. Why do the other children tease Chrysanthemum? How does teasing make a person feel? You can use a paper plate with a happy face on one side and a sad face on the other. Which face shows how a person feels when they are being teased?

You can also use this book to talk about flowers! Look at pictures of the different flowers you read about in the story.