



ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY

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SYNOPSIS

Alexander is having a bad day. A terrible day. A awful, horrible day. To be quite honest, it's a horrid day. Horrible, no good, very bad day. But then, suddenly the bad day is transformed by the happy accident of his parents' children's book. Judith found out Alexander's whole funny life is based on things in the story about Alexander's terrible day. Not only does Alexander wake up with gum in his hair, but his mother forgets to wash his hair, and his toothbrush breaks. He's wearing loud floral wallpaper. And it's not bad enough. Alexander's sandwiches have jelly instead of marmalade. And just when everything seems to be all right, there are sandwiches for supper and – shock! – instead of TV, it is enough to make anyone want to go to Australia. Alexander's amazing misadventure ends with him not only being forced to wear his overalls, as they really were designed, and his mother has to cook them, or cooking them in the other direction so she makes that bad day happen – even in Australia.

Before the Day

- Possible leads to familiarise children with the story:

General Use

Unit of Study

- Alexander's mother told him to be nice to his friends. But then, the day was not that nice at all.