

# **MARVELLOUS MUMMY**

Written by Katie Poli Illustrated Giuseppe Poli Published by New Frontier Publishing

# **SYNOPSIS**

This book looks at the magical relationship between a mother and her child. From being brave to being silly, Mummy makes every moment special.

### AUTHOR BACKGROUND

Katie is a former Early Years teacher with a passion for both children's literature and the Arts. She has taught piano for 25 years and currently works as a university lecturer in Arts education. Katie lives in Brisbane with her three hilarious children, her illustrator-husband, and four chickens.

### ILLUSTRATOR BACKGROUND AND STYLE

Giuseppe has been drawing since he was a young child. He studied children's book illustration under Philip Blythe at Arts Academy Queensland. He loves being able to make something that moves, inspires and brings joy and wonder to others.

#### HOW THE BOOK ENHANCES LEARNING

The story of *Marvellous Mummy* encompasses several key themes. These include: mother and child, family and love. The book also explores the notions surrounding activities, play and relationships.





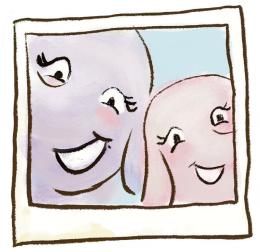
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# **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

## Before and during reading the book:

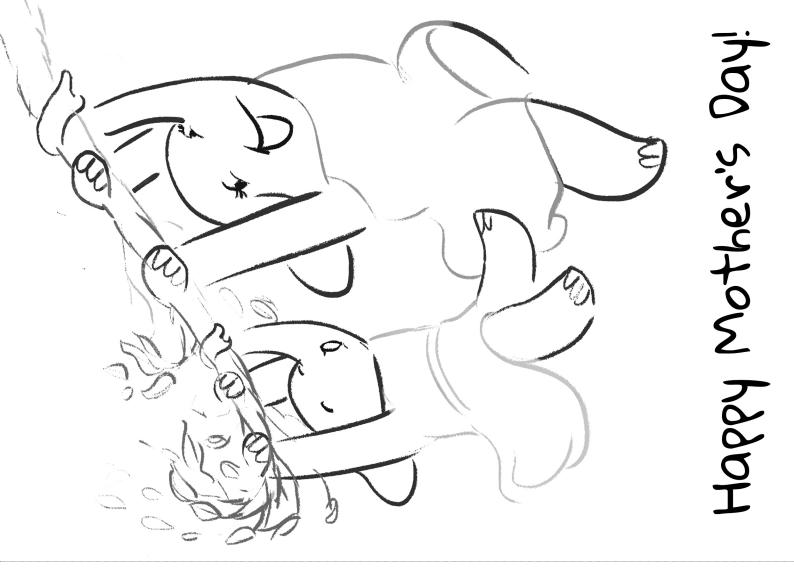
- 1. Introduce *Marvellous Mummy* to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about? Ask the children if anyone knows what the word 'marvellous' means?
- 2. Show the children the front cover of the book to arouse their interest.
  - Who can they see on the cover?
  - What are they doing?
  - What colours can they see?
- 3. As you read the book to the children, see if you can really get into conveying the expressions of the characters. For example when it reads *My mummy is scary and noisy and loud. Raah, raah, boo!* Commit to saying the text at a loud volume. When the text reads: *Wave, wave, smile.* Get the children to wave and smile along with the story.

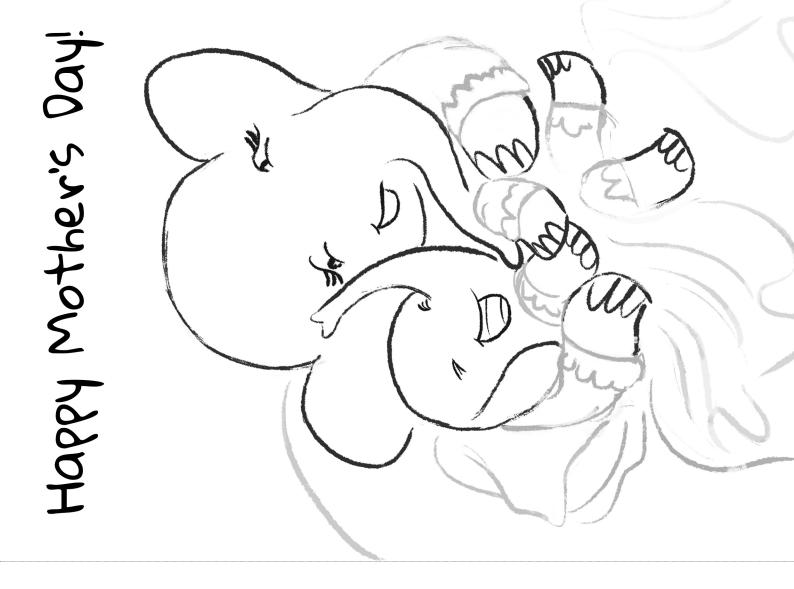


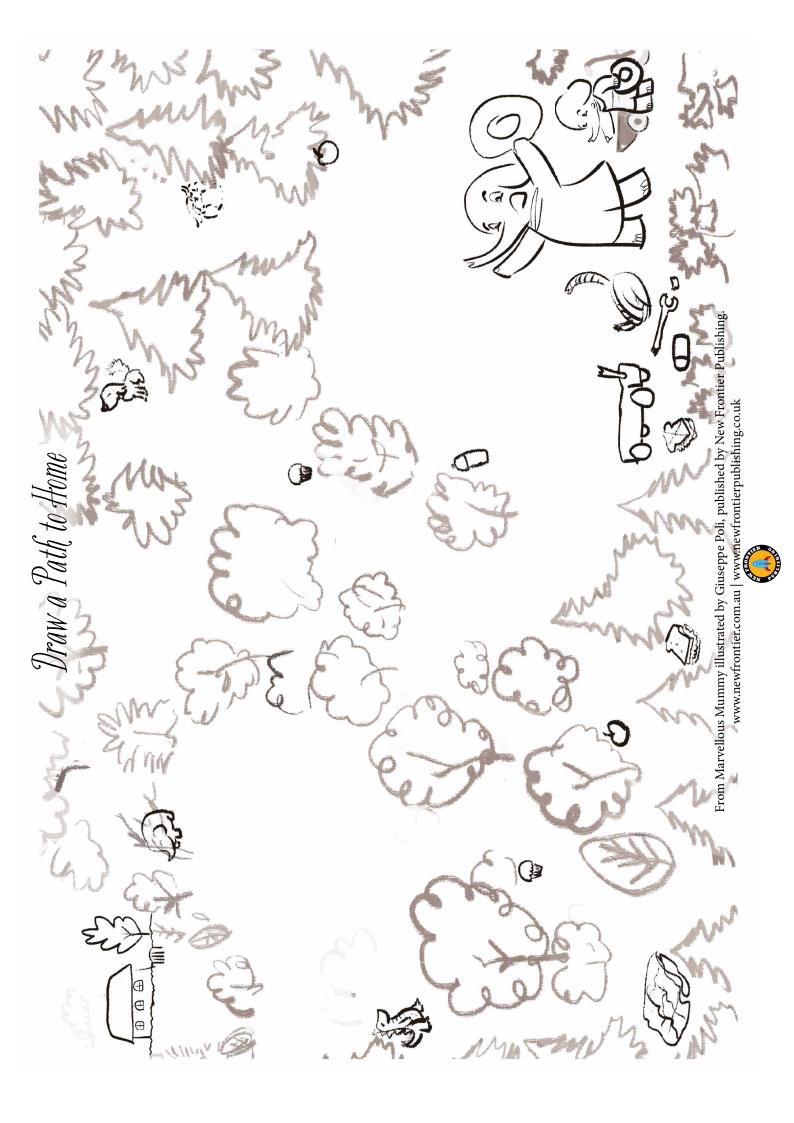
## After reading the book:

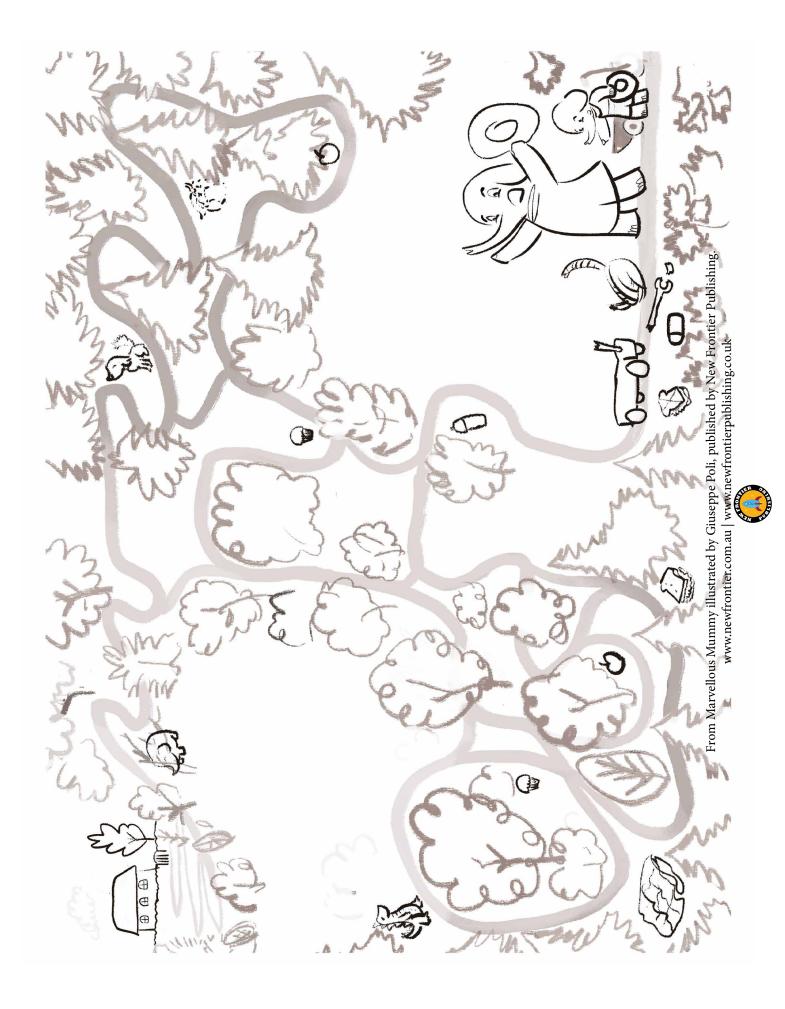
- I. Discuss with the children the following questions:
  - What did they like about the story?
  - Why was the mummy in the story marvellous?
  - What kind of activities would you like to do with your mummy or someone that you love?
- 2. Pick three of your favourite pictures in the book and describe what the two main characters are doing and/or feeling?

















My Mummy is perfect because she's my Mum

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ You are caring and E gentle and sweet. From Dear \_\_\_\_ You 0 are a marvellous mummy! From