

A Bad Case of Stripes – Reading Guide

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Themes: be yourself, withstand peer pressure

Lesson/Notes: Camilla learns to risk ridicule and be herself. *It can be difficult to stand up for what you believe. It is important to be honest (in a nice way) even if it means being less popular. Unless what someone is doing is wrong or hurtful, it's okay to have different opinions. It makes the world more interesting.*

Discussion Questions

- *At the beginning of the story, what is Camilla worrying about?*
- *Does Camilla like lima beans? (yes)*
- *Why is Camilla saying no to lima beans? (doesn't want to seem strange or different)*
- *What cures Camilla? (being herself)*

Activity: Different Drawings

Supplies: coloring sheet (2 copies), markers

- Direct child to color a picture. Choose only one color marker for child to use.
- Give child a new coloring sheet and offer all the colors.
- Discuss the value of differences.
 - *Many colors make the picture more interesting. It is helpful when people share what they think kindly and honestly.*