



Theme: Life doesn't always go to plan

In Handa's Surprise, Handa puts seven delicious fruits in a basket to take to her friend, Akeyo. But as she walks, carrying the basket on her head, various creatures steal the fruit and Handa gets a big surprise.

Biblical Reference:

Romans 8:28

'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.'

Next month's book is:

'No Matter What' by Debi Gliori

Theme exploration:

2 kings 5-14. Tells of a man called Naaman, who was a mighty warrior, but who was also very ill. He visited the prophet Elisha who didn't give him the advice he expected; in fact it wasn't anything close to what he expected.

A re-telling is here  <https://youtu.be/8KYeqpCKkio>


Life doesn't always go as we expect. Things don't always work out as we planned and hoped. There is usually, however, something that we can be thankful for. It is at these tough times when we need to trust God, for He has plans for us. (Jeremiah 29:11)

What you could do as a family this month:

- Try the fruits Handa had in the basket.
- Try balancing a basket on your head.
- Make a fruit salad.
- Have a go at using fruits for paint printing.
- Think about if you were choosing gifts for a friend; what would you collect?
- Plan a surprise for someone else.

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 https://youtu.be/XyIV_xYi0as

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A prayer for you to pray for your child:

God, our child/ren will face times where things do not go as they expect, help them grow in strength through these situations. Amen.

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

God, You give us Your love, even when things go wrong. Fill these parents with Your peace, even when things don't go to plan. Amen.