

From the Creators of *Edwina the Emu*

EDWARD
THE
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Edward the Emu

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Edward the emu was sick of the zoo,
There was nowhere to go, there was nothing to do,
And compared to the seals that lived right next door,
Well being an emu was frankly a bore.

Activity: Tuning In Activity

- Have your child or children focus on the picture on the front cover and the back cover...
- Use this to focus on the question: "What do you notice about Edward?"
- Read story all the way through.
- Think/Pair/Share: Why do you think Edward tried to be another animal/someone else?

Acting Out the Story:

- Children can be put into a group so that they can be the characters from the story and act out a retelling of the text in order to fully familiarize themselves with the storyline.

Modeling Self-Talk:

- Shift focus to the visitors at the zoo. (Puppets are a wonderful tool for this activity.)
- Brainstorm positive self-talk comments... Edward was wonderful because _____?
- "I bet Edward's long legs make him run fast"
- "I like Edward because..."
- "What animals did Edward try to imitate?"
- "Can you tell me what you think it would be like to be a seal, a snake, or a lion?"