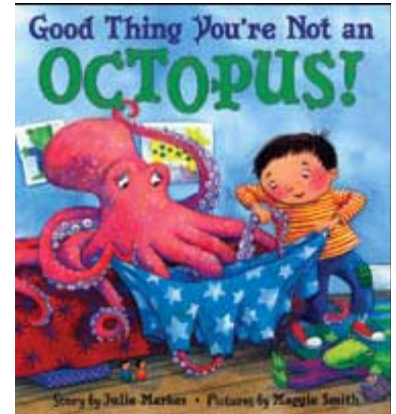


## ***Good Thing You're Not an Octopus***

Written by Julie Markes. Illustrated by Maggie Smith.

While routines are important to them, young children can sometimes be less than cooperative. This book is a humorous take on children's resistance to certain parts of their day. "You don't like to get dressed in the morning? It's a good thing you're not an octopus. If you were an octopus, you would have eight legs to put in your pants!" From the shark that has to brush 200 teeth to the bear whose nap lasts all winter, children will laugh at the fact that they don't have it so bad after all.



### **After reading this book to children, teachers can:**

- stock the dramatic play area with reading materials that go along with play themes (e.g., magazines for patients waiting for the doctor); dressup clothes for boys and girls; blankets to cover sleepy babies; dishes, silverware, and pots and pans for cooking and eating favorite foods.
- make or purchase animal puppets that children can use to act out the routines in *Good Thing You're Not an Octopus*. Offer additional animal puppets that don't appear in the book to encourage children to make up new parts to the story.

### **More books about routines at home and school**

*Bee-bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park; illus. by Ho Baek Lee.

*Bread Comes to Life*, by George Levenson; illus. by Schmuell Thaler.

*I Eat Fruit*, by Hannah Tofts.

*Miss Polly Has a Dolly*, by Pamela Duncan Edwards; illus. by Elicia Castaldi.