

EZRA'S INVISIBLE BACKPACK

Discussion Questions:

1. What could be on a brick in an invisible backpack?
2. What bricks have you had in your invisible backpack?
3. How many bricks are in your invisible backpack today? Does it feel light, medium or heavy?
4. What bricks could be in someone else's invisible backpack (adults, friends, family members)?
5. What can you do when your invisible backpack feels heavy?
6. Who can you talk to when your invisible backpack feels heavy?
7. Are all bricks the same size and weight?
8. What is the difference between permanent and temporary bricks? For example, some bricks are temporary, such as Miss Murphy's car breaking down or Anna's fight with her sister. Some bricks are permanent, such as having a disability or parents that are divorced.
9. Just like Ezra helps his classmate at the end, what can you do to lighten other people's invisible backpacks?
10. In the story, Mr. Rivera taught his class to not judge a book by the cover. What do you think that means?
11. Anna says, "Even though I've been smiling on the outside all day, on the inside, I'm kinda sad." What do you think she means by that?
12. Does having bricks in your backpack prevent you from having a good day?

