



## Worksheet 1

### Pig-ticklers and other Inventions

The children in Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang live on a farm. Whilst their father is away fighting in the war, it's their job to help their mother look after the animals and tend to the land.

Fortunately their father is a brilliant inventor, and has designed handy contraptions to make things run smoothly. Before he went to war, he built a fabulous pig tickler called the Scratch-O-Matic, to keep the piglets happy whilst they are resting. A fantastic contraption featuring wheels & pulleys, the Scratch-O-Matic has a really important role – a happy pig is a healthy pig.



### Activity

Use this space to design and label your own cool contraption that could help the children do their jobs around the farm. Perhaps you could design a mud-mover, or a haystack-handler or even a cow-cuddler?!



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# Nanny McPhee & THE BIG BANG

## Worksheet 2

### Nanny McPhee's Five Lessons

In Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang, the children learn five important lessons under Nanny McPhee's tuition. Using her skills of gentle persuasion, and her magic stick, she teaches them about these useful life skills:

1. Fighting is wrong (she teaches them by making them fight with themselves!)
2. Sharing is important (she teaches them by making them share their beds with goats, cows and elephants!)
3. How to help each other (she teaches them by sending them on a wild pig-chase!)
4. How to be brave (she teaches them to put their fears to one side to help others around them)
5. How to have faith (she teaches them by helping them to believe in themselves)



### Activity

What Nanny McPhee lesson would benefit you and the children in your class? Talk about your school rules – which rules do you find particularly hard to follow? Maybe you are not very good at listening quietly to the person who is speaking. Maybe you can't walk sensibly around the school. Perhaps you call out when you should put your hand up.

Come up with a Nanny McPhee style lesson that will help you to be good and to learn an important life skill along the way. Remember – you have the benefit of Nanny McPhee's magic to help you!

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## Worksheet 3

### The Person you Need is Nanny McPhee

In *Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang*, Nanny McPhee comes to the rescue of a new family – the Greens.

Mrs Green is at the end of her tether trying to look after the family farm and her rather naughty children whilst her husband is away at war. However, it's not until the posh cousins arrive from the city that her trouble really begins...

At first, she doesn't think she needs Nanny McPhee's help, but she starts to think otherwise when the objects in the shop in which she works come to life to tell her that 'the person she needs is Nanny McPhee'!



### Activity

Imagine that the objects around you came to life. What would they look, sound, feel, smell and taste like?!

Create a storyboard (template given on following page) showing what happens to you when the objects start coming to life and talking to you.

A storyboard is a way of making a story using pictures. Filmmakers use storyboards to plan the story before they start filming. They show where the camera is to take each shot and how the action will look on the big screen. Sometimes, notes are included next to the images showing the special effects and dialogue – or what the characters are saying to each other.

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