

Common Reactions

- **Funny:** A child could think the words their loved one with Alzheimer's say are funny and repeat them.
- **Confused:** A child could feel confused when they are not allowed to say words their loved one with Alzheimer's says.
- **Frustrated:** A child could feel frustrated when they are told they cannot say words that their loved one with Alzheimer's says.

Other Reading Guides and one FREE Alzheimer's Storybook Order Form

Other Reading Guides can be found at:

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/alzheimers/booksandreadingguides.html>



An order form is available at this website to request one free copy of an Alzheimer's storybook (while supplies last). This order form is intended for only Montana residents.

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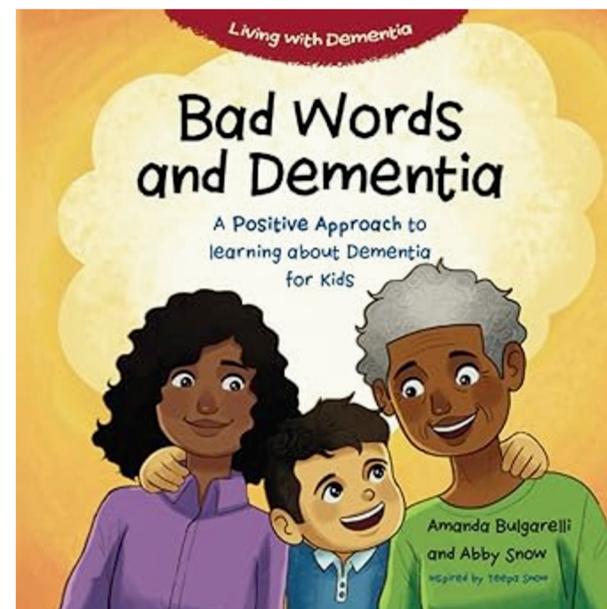
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Reading Guide for Bad Words and Dementia



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Alzheimer's Awareness for Children

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About this Program

The MSU Extension ***Alzheimer's Awareness for Children Storybook*** program is designed to teach children about a form of dementia.

The goals of the program are 1) increase awareness and knowledge about Alzheimer's (a form of dementia) and 2) provide supportive resources to children and families when they have a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

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Brief Summary

Every Saturday a young boy visits his grandma who lives in a special home. The boy brings his grandma things she can fix, like a broken doll chair. He knows she likes to fix things. When his grandma was fixing the doll chair, she let a bad word slip- "Sh*t!." When The boy's mom came to see how the boy and his grandma were doing, the boy asked his mom if she could help them fix the "sh*t chair." His Mom looks extremely uncomfortable. She says that they should call the chair "naughty" instead. They work together and fix the chair. On the car ride home, the boy's mom tells him that "sh*t" is a bad word that can get kids in trouble. She explains to him that people with dementia sometimes cannot remember the appropriate words to use. She says that it is important for him to say other words so that Grandma does not say inappropriate words.

Questions to Ask

- *What do you think made Grandma upset?*
- *Why was the boy's mom upset?*
- *Why should kids not use the "sh*t" word?*
- *What did Mom tell the boy to do next time Grandma uses a word that is only for grown-ups?*

Activity Enrichment

- If the child is saying inappropriate words, have them create a list of words that are similar. For example, if the child is saying the "sh*t" word, the list would include words like "poop," "bad," "crap" and "sucky."
- Ask if the child has heard other, in addition to Grandma who has said bad words. What should the child do next time they hear the naughty word?