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Embracing the Imperfect

An activity of "Garfield: the cat who always comes out on top".

Read the article, "Garfield: the cat who always comes out on top" (page 20-21, *What's Up* July 2025).

ON YOUR OWN

1a) Watch this video to see Garfield in action.

Garfield VS Nermal - Garfield & Friends

➤ <https://youtu.be/G8vz7ZlQQOI?si=BFXwbIR7mYjISIJY>
(Garfield and Friends, 17 June 2016)

1b) What are three imperfections you notice in Garfield?

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1c) Why do you think people still like him despite these imperfections?

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IN SMALL GROUPS

2a) Watch the following video to learn about the Japanese art of Kintsugi.

The Japanese art of fixing broken pottery - BBC REEL

➤ <https://youtu.be/r9LMKGte0UU?si=Mwl5ACdC-kKdsYNX>
(BBC Global, 5 Aug 2020)

2b) Reflect on this quote from the video: "Our imperfections can be the birth of something new." Do you agree with this quote? Why or why not?

2c) As a group, make something beautiful out of something broken. Guidelines:

- Collect broken items that you might use (e.g. a toy, old wrappers, unwanted cutlery, torn clothing, etc).
- Look at what is broken and discuss what it reminds you of. What message or story seems to come from it?
- Brainstorm a theme or message as a group e.g. "Transformation", "Hope", "Finding calm in chaos", etc.
- Find examples online. Here is one to inspire you:



"The Eden Horse" by Heather Jansch.

3a) Now's your turn! Sketch your ideas on a fresh sheet of paper.

3b) Build your art and display it in a mini gallery walk.