

General Lesson Plan

Courteous Kurt

General Learning Outcomes :

- The student will be able to develop compassion (which helps counter bullying).
- The student will be able to develop vocabulary.

Ages : 6 years old and over

Word count : 782

Themes : compassion, vocabulary development, courtesy, belonging, cooperation, ideas, action, respect of others, enthusiasm

Time Frame: 25-30 minutes

Before the reading 5 minutes

This can lead to interesting discussions about creativity, inventions and following your heart. The students sit comfortably in a circle on the floor. The teacher explains at the beginning that it is important that no one interrupts the spokesperson, the one holding the special object.

The responsibilities are to listen attentively, only taking a second turn to speak when no one comes forth wanting a first turn to speak. Raise your hand and wait until named before asking a question.

Discussion : Have you ever had a creative idea that made you feel excited? If so, did you act upon it? If you did nothing about it, why did you not act upon it? (The teacher can mention people like Alexander Graham Bell and the telephone :
<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/scientists/alexandergrahambell.html>)

During the reading : 10-12 minutes

- A) Have students share the reading if multiple copies of the book are in the classroom or if the book is projected.
- B) A student can respond with an action, for example raise a hand or clap their hands, every time she or he notices a word related to a chosen above mentioned theme.

After the reading :

- A) Discussion of some of the values mentioned at the beginning to ensure proper understand of their meaning.
- B) How was courtesy shown in this story?

A fun activity to do related to the story '*Courteous Kurt*', to further develop compassion and courtesy is:

-Spend some time letting yourself be quiet without distractions from family, friends or technology (computer, television, games, etc). You can sit outside or in a quiet place in your home. This will not only make you feel good but may surprisingly inspire you with cool ideas.

I hope you enjoy these activities!
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