



Lesson Plan Example: Exploring Friendship and Teamwork with The Adventures of Dori, A Rescue Pup

This lesson plan can be customized to fit your class learning objectives.

Objective:

- Children will learn about the themes of friendship, teamwork, and compassion through the story of "The Adventures of Dori, A Rescue Pup."
- Children will engage in activities that promote collaboration, empathy, and understanding of the importance of helping others.

Age Group:

- Preschool to Early Elementary (3-6 years old)

Materials Needed:

- Copy of "The Adventures of Dori, A Rescue Pup" book
- Drawing/coloring materials
- Craft supplies (paper, glue, scissors)
- Beach-themed toys (optional)
- Trash (simulated with paper or plastic items for cleanup activity)



Lesson Plan:

Introduction (15 minutes):

1. Gather children in a circle and introduce the book "The Adventures of Dori, A Rescue Pup."
2. Show the book cover and ask children what they think the story might be about based on the cover illustration.
3. Explain that the story is about a pup named Dori and her friends who go on an adventure at the beach.
4. Discuss the themes of friendship, teamwork, and helping others.

Reading Time (15 minutes):

1. Read the book "The Adventures of Dori, A Rescue Pup" aloud to the children.
2. Encourage children to pay attention to Dori's actions and how she helps her friends and the starfish.
3. Pause at key moments to ask questions and engage the children in the story. For example:
 - "What do you think Dori is feeling?"
 - "Why do you think it's important for friends to help each other?"
 - "What would you do if you saw someone in trouble, like Dori did with the starfish?"

Discussion (10 minutes):

1. After reading, lead a discussion about the story:
 - Ask children to share their favorite parts of the story and why.
 - Discuss the importance of teamwork and helping others.
 - Talk about ways they can be good friends and help those in need.

Activity 1 - Friendship Bracelets (20 minutes):

1. Provide materials for making friendship bracelets (string, beads, etc.).
2. Explain that just like Dori and her friends, they can make friendship bracelets to give to someone special.
3. Encourage children to create their own bracelets, discussing who they would like to give it to and why.

Activity 2 - Beach Cleanup (20 minutes):

1. Create a "beach" area with simulated trash (paper or plastic items).
2. Explain that Dori and her friends cleaned up the beach in the story, and now it's their turn to help.
3. Provide small baskets or wagons for the children to collect the "trash" items.
4. Let children roam around the "beach" area, picking up trash and putting it in their baskets.

5. Discuss why it's important to keep beaches and oceans clean.

Activity 3 - Drawing and Coloring (15 minutes):

1. Provide drawing/coloring materials.
2. Ask children to draw their favorite scene from the book or create their own beach scene with Dori and her friends.
3. Encourage creativity and imagination as they draw and color.



Closing (5 minutes):

1. Gather the children together.
2. Ask each child to share one thing they learned from the story or the activities.
3. Reiterate the importance of friendship, teamwork, and helping others, just like Dori and her friends.
4. Encourage them to continue being kind and helpful to those around them.

Extension:

- If time allows, children can act out scenes from the book using puppets or costumes.
- Discuss other ways they can help the environment, such as recycling or conserving water.

This lesson plan integrates storytelling, discussion, hands-on activities, and creative expression to engage children in learning about friendship, teamwork, and compassion through *The Adventures of Dori, A Rescue Pup*.