

Central NC JA - Elementary Program

Ourselves

Kindergarten. Story time and small children. A group of students get involved in all sorts of activities -- Robbie visits a farm, Angie goes to a carnival, Charlie plants a garden, etc. JA uses these compelling stories along with hands-on activities to teach students valuable lessons about how we get what we want.



Ourselves

Skills

Abstract thinking · Decision making · Drawing · Following directions · Interpreting information · Listening responsively · Matching · Responsibility · Sequencing · Teamwork

Concepts

Benefit · Buying · Choices · Consumer · Costs · Earning · Entrepreneurs · Goods · Incentives · Income · Job · Marketing · Money · Resources · Saving · Scarcity · Selling · Services · Voluntary exchange · Wants · Work

Ourselves Lesson Plan

The Lesson Plan for Ourselves is designed to develop personal economic concepts through storybook characters presented by the volunteer in read-aloud stories and hands-on activities. The learning objectives listed beside each activity state the skills and knowledge the students will gain.

Activity One: Robbie's Trip to the Farm

The students are introduced to a storybook character and his visit to a family farm. Through a group discussion and by drawing pictures of their favorite animals, they discover that individuals make choices.

Key Learning Objective

The students will:

- recognize the role of self in trying to create a project.
- appreciate individual differences.

Activity Two: Angie and the Carnival

The students are introduced to a storybook character and her plans to earn money by making and selling crafts at a carnival.

Key Learning Objective

The students will:

- identify one form of money-coins.
- differentiate coins.

Activity Three: Charlie Plants a Garden

The students learn how the storybook characters work together to plant a community garden.

Key Learning Objective

The students will:

- recognize the importance of working together.
- discover rewards other than money.

Activity Four: Meagan Buys a Present

The students recognize the importance of saving money to buy something they want through a story about a girl who must save to buy a birthday present.

Key Learning Objective

The students will:

- discuss the importance of saving money.
- identify a place where people save money.
- demonstrate how to save money.
- name something they would like to save for.

Activity Five: Dylan and the New Playground

The students learn how the storybook characters save money to buy new playground equipment for their school.

Key Learning Objective

The students will:

- identify ways money can be used to benefit others.
- recognize the value of work.
- appreciate the importance of giving.