

Elephant and Piggie “Should I Share My Ice Cream?”

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lesson plan

Length of Lesson: 45 minutes

Objective/Brief Description:

Students will learn about the ways to care for others by sharing the way that Elephant thinks about Piggie. They will also learn that sometimes our plans do not always happen the way we think about them.



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Materials Provided:

- Book
- Ice cream
- Thought Bubble w/ drawings
- Blank Thought Bubbles
- Crayons



INTRODUCTION

As students enter, they are given a crayon as their Magic Key to unlock our first activity.

- Once students have entered, ask if they are mind readers. Prompt students to guess if they can read the Instructor's mind.
- Have you ever had that little voice pop inside your head that tells you something? Or ever had a daydream about an adventure to go on? Sometimes, whenever I'm planning out my day I draw on my own thought bubble.
- A thought bubble is used to show what we are thinking in our minds and how to make sense of it. Have you ever seen a picture of a thought bubble? What is my thought bubble saying with this picture...?
 - Hungry
 - Tired
 - Excited
- Have students color in their thought bubbles and share what they drew!



READ THE STORY

- Read the book, Elephant and Piggie “Should I Share my Ice Cream?”
- A repeated catch phrase students can say and an action they can do is the “Thinker” pose and “Hmmmmmm?” This shows that the Elephant is thinking about what to do!

IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM

- Can we see other people’s thought bubbles? Oh no, we can’t! But how will I know if someone wants to share or needs a helpful hand?
- What is Elephant having trouble thinking about? Does Elephant's plan go right?
- If they should share with Piggy.
- No, but that’s okay!

STORY IN MOTION

After completing the story, have students pair with the person next to them. They get to work together to build and share their own ice cream creations! Sharing is hard to do, but it’s fun with friends.

- Wow, everyone built amazing ice cream cones! Who can share their ice cream cone flavors and let someone create a new flavor?



Thank you for taking a few minutes to fill out this brief survey!

