



Kindergarten Resource Kit Learning Plan

We encourage teachers to use this three-day learning plan to implement our Resource Kit. The accompanying rubric can be used to evaluate the students' success in achieving the learning objectives.



Let's Learn about Cats and Dogs Lesson and Colouring Pages

How do I implement this in the classroom?

First: Teach the lesson according to the *Let's Learn About Cats and Dogs* script, using the accompanying downloadable images. Leave time for a Q&A period at the end of the lesson.

Then: Have the students complete the colouring pages.

What are the learning objectives?

- Students are introduced to the concept of responsible pet ownership.
- Students understand that cats and dogs require specific care from their owners.
- Students understand that cats and dogs have needs, wants, and feelings.



How are the learning objectives achieved?

This lesson is designed to introduce students to the basic care requirements of cats and dogs, and to help them understand how cats and dogs rely on their owners. Emphasis is placed on helping students understand that cats and dogs have feelings just like their own, in order to provide an opportunity to practice empathy and compassion.

Pictures are used to enhance learning through visual methods, and to help students understand the real-life tools and equipment needed to

properly care for cats and dogs. If possible, allow students to look at each picture closely to enhance the learning.

Students love to share their own experiences and stories about pets and animals, if time permits, allow them to share stories and help them to draw conclusions that relate to the lesson.

Movement activities have been incorporated to engage students physically and give them a break from sitting still during the presentation. These “body breaks” can be extended or shortened depending on classroom needs, and/or modified to account for differences in mobility (i.e. only using arms or other parts of their bodies).

The colouring pages are used reinforce the messages of the lesson in a fun and creative activity. Students can discuss what they learned about cats and dogs while they complete the colouring pages.



Circle of Caring Activity and Conclusion

How do I implement this in the classroom?

First: Have the students take part in the *Circle of Caring* activity, according to the downloadable instruction sheet.

Then: Write a list of the names of students in the class on the board or on a poster. Ask the students to identify to the class who/what they care each about; make this visible in the classroom.

What are the learning objectives?

- Students understand the concept of caring for others.
- Students are reminded that it is important to care for each other, animals, and for our world.
- Students are encouraged to think about ways they can care for others in their own lives.



How are the learning objectives achieved?

This activity is designed to foster compassionate and empathetic thinking. Students are encouraged to think about their impact on others, including those that they do not personally know.

By sharing their stories with the group, students can feel pride in their engagement in kind activities and thoughts. The activity can be enhanced by asking students to self-reflect on how their actions make them feel.

Encourage the students to think about ways in which they can continue to be kind and compassionate towards others in the future. This fosters forward-thinking and helps students identify and plan simple activities and goals for the future.



Make a Puppy Face Craft

How do I implement this in the classroom?

First: Have the students do the *Make a Puppy Face* craft, according to the downloadable instruction sheet.

Then: Encourage students to take their puppy faces home and share with their families some of the things that animals need to feel happy and stay healthy.

What are the learning objectives?

- Students are able to identify some of the things that animals require to live happy and healthy lives.

How are the learning objectives achieved?

This craft is designed to engage students creatively while encouraging them to think about the needs of animals.

By asking them to share with their families, the activity empowers students to share their ideas with others. Students can take pride in their own role in promoting animal welfare, while fostering discussions about responsible pet ownership at home.

