



The Little Blue Hen: A Conservation Story

Lesson Plans for Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1

Materials:

- Little Blue Hen script & vocabulary cards
- Print stick figures of blue hen, duck, cat, dog, timer, low-flow showerhead, faucet, aerator, toilet, and award on 11"x 17" sheet; cut and attach to small sticks
- A low-flow shower head, aerator, and flapper
- Copies (one for each participant) of "What will you do?"/Remembering the Blue Hen
- Books including :
 - ✓ Little Red Hen by Paul Galdone (ISBN: 13:978-0-89919-349-6)
 - ✓ Armadilly Chili by Helen Ketteman (ISBN: 978-0-8075-0457-4)
 - ✓ The Little Red Hen and the Ear of Wheat by Mary Finch (ISBN:1-84148-234-X)
 - ✓ Manana Iguana by Ann Whitford Paul (ISBN: 0-8234-1808-1)
 - ✓ With Love, Little Red Hen by Alma Flor Ada (ISBN:0-689-87061-2)

The Activity

1. Show the book and *review the story of the Little Red Hen.*
Ask the children:
 - a. "*What was the story, the Little Red Hen, about?*" (Little Hen finds a seed and wants her friends to help her make bread/cake)
 - b. "*What was the message of the book?*" (Help your friends.)
2. *Introduce other variations of the story of the Little Red Hen, Armadilly Chilli, Manana Iguana, With Love, Little Red Hen. Give a quick overview of the stories and tell the children you have another variation, The Little Blue Hen. (Delaware State Bird)*
3. *Introduce vocabulary words...show pictures or place them on the blackboard...and explain each term.*
4. Use the stick figures to *tell the story of the Little Blue Hen.*
5. Preschool only: *Talk about the actions children can do at home to save water. Use "What will you do?" sheet as a guide.*
Kindergarten and first grade only: *Distribute the "What will you do?" sheet and read each numbered item asking students to fill in the box or check the box by the things they will do and sign their names. Send sheets home with students.*
6. *Sing the Little Blue Hen song using the tune, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."*



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Lesson Plans for Grades 2 & 3

Materials:

- Small blue hen, duck, cat and dog--stuffed animals or stick figures
- Small award or stick figure of award
- A low-flow shower head, aerator, and flapper for the toilet
- Print one copy of the vocabulary cards
- Copies for each participant of Reader's Theater script, "What will you do?"/ Blue Hen word search & Blue Hen song sheet
- Books including :
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4. **Distribute the Reader's Theater version of the story to students. Fifteen should be numbered and given out for the Narrator parts. Then ask the teacher to be the Little Blue Hen. Ask other students to be the duck, cat, dog and inspector. Tell narrators to use their regular voice. Invite "duck," "cat," "dog," "little blue hen," and "inspector" to make up a special voice for their character. Ask students to stand up; put narrators in a row by number. (If you have extra students, double up on the narrator parts.) Ask "duck," "cat," "dog," "little blue hen," and "inspector" to stand together in this order, facing the "narrators." Read the story.**

5. **Distribute the "What will you do?" sheet and read each numbered item asking students to fill in the box or check the box by the things they will do and sign their names. Tell students they can do the word search on the back. Send sheets home with students.**

6. **Distribute the "Little Blue Hen" song sheet and sing the song using the tune, "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." If time permits, sing the "Little Red Hen" song too.**

