

Lesson Plan

Georgey Giraffe's Giant Respect

Primary subject: Character Education

Grade Levels: K through 3

Note: It is vital that students be allowed, above all, to enjoy the book as an intriguing story. Removing the "study" element allows them to identify with the giraffe, and learn the meaning of respect in a non-threatening setting.

Objectives: Students will:

- understand the meaning of respect
- apply respect to daily life
- enrich vocabulary

Context: **Georgey Giraffe's Giant Respect** clearly addresses the need for character education material for elementary students. In addition, it improves listening and reading skills while providing vocabulary enrichment.

Resources: We recommend one copy of **Georgey Giraffe's Giant Respect** for each reading student, student worksheets and tests (both reproducible). Very young students will need only the appropriate test.

Anticipatory set: At least one week before introducing the book, display the word **Respect** in large letters someplace within your room. Before distributing or reading the book, ask students if they have heard the word respect. Invite students to tell what they think the word means. **Do not judge answers at this point.** Rather, make it easy for children to give input. For older students, skip the discussion and ask them to write a definition for the word respect. **Do not grade their definitions at this point.** This is only preliminary. Students are not expected to know the definition. Distribute the books and direct students to the definition on the back of the book. They will memorize this as they proceed through the book.

Procedure: Lightness is the key. Think "fun and effective." Allow the students the joy of discovery as they read the book together or as they listen to the teacher read it. Help them see and understand the pertinent facts. A good way to hold attention in younger children is to pause periodically for a "What do you think will happen?" type of question. Do not tell if their answers are right or wrong — simply continue reading.

Worksheets: Use the worksheet for students who are able to read, assigning a few questions at a time or the entire sheet according to schedule. Worksheet may also be used as a class activity, with the teacher reading the questions. Younger students will benefit from the coloring / writing practice page. You may want to display the book for them to see the colors — or get photos of giraffes from the library or Internet.

Supplementary: Discuss the book, either in sections or at the end. The teacher should read, and be familiar with the entire book before beginning. Refer to student worksheets and tests for appropriate discussion material.

Assessment: The downloadable student test for upper students assesses understanding of the word respect. Students will demonstrate their understanding through completion of the definition and comprehension questions. Students will show their grasp of new vocabulary also. Youngest students will enjoy the colored picture test, through which they will demonstrate understanding by circling correct answers as the teacher reads the directions to each row of pictures.

See the *Character Education Activities* section of your lesson plan for a variety of interdisciplinary classroom or home activities to bolster understanding and interest in *respect*.

Download the following forms as needed. You may print as many as necessary for your own use and for that of your students.

For all Students:

01 – Lesson Plan Explanation for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

02 – Classroom Activities for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

03 – Giraffe Poster Craft for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

04 – Giraffe Stuffed Animal Craft for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

For Younger Students:

05 – Giraffe coloring / Writing practice for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

06 – Picture Test for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

07 – Picture Test Key for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

For Older Students:

08 – Worksheet for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

09 – Worksheet Key for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

10 – Written Test for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

11 – Written Test Key for **Georgey Giraffe’s Giant Respect**

Picture Charts: (set of 14 poster charts for display during reading and in review)

12 – Georgey Cover Photo

13 – Jasmine

14 – Old giraffes sleeping

15 – Father Giraffe

16 – Father bent to listen

17 – Georgey drinking

18 – Neck wrestlers

19 – Red Neck

20 – Lanky Franky

21 – Geri Giraffe’s dream

22 – Jarrod’s dream

23 – Tall Tim’s dream

24 – Lajila

25 – Mrs. Longnecker

Supplemental Activities, Crafts, and Teaching Tools

26 – Character Companions Awards, Badges, and Ornaments Craft

- 27 – Character Companions Bookmark Craft
- 28 – Character Companions Name Tag Craft
- 29 – Character Companions Tree Craft
- 30 – Character Companions Chain Craft
- 31 – Character Companions Flower Pot Craft
- 32 – Character Companions Photo Frame Craft
- 33 – Character Companions Take-home Reminder
- 34 – Character Companions Party
- 35 – Character Companions and Science
- 36 – Character Companions and Social Studies
- 37 – Character Companions and Mathematics