

Hedgehog's Home Based on the story by Branko Ćopić, this animated short tells the tale of a hedgehog living in a lush and lively forest. He is respected and envied by the other animals. However, Hedgehog's devotion to his home annoys a quartet of insatiable beasts. Together, they march off towards Hedgehog's home and spark a tense and prickly standoff. / Lesson Planner / LearningCorner.co

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will understand the themes of home, respect, and conflict resolution through the story of Hedgehog's Home. They will engage in activities that enhance their English, Math, Music, Physical Education, Science, and Social Studies skills while exploring the character of the hedgehog and his interactions with other animals.

Materials and Prep

- Paper and pencils for drawing and writing
- Access to a safe outdoor space for physical activities
- Musical instrument (if available) or body percussion for music activities
- Basic math problems (addition and subtraction) related to animals
- Knowledge of the story "Hedgehog's Home" and its characters

Activities

- **Story Discussion:** Start by reading the story of Hedgehog's Home together. Discuss the main characters and their motivations. Ask the student how they think Hedgehog feels about his home and what they would do in a similar situation.
- **Math Challenge:** Create a math challenge where the student counts the animals in the story. For example, "If there are 4 beasts and 3 other animals, how many animals are there in total?" Use simple addition and subtraction problems related to the story.
- **Musical Expression:** Create a short song or rhythm that represents Hedgehog's feelings about his home. The student can use clapping or any available instruments to express the emotions of the story through music.
- **Outdoor Play:** Set up an obstacle course that represents the journey of the beasts to Hedgehog's home. The student can pretend to be different animals and navigate through the course, discussing how each animal might feel during their journey.
- **Science Exploration:** Discuss the environment of Hedgehog's home. What types of plants and animals might live there? Have the student draw a picture of Hedgehog's home and label the different elements they included.
- **Social Studies Reflection:** Talk about the importance of respecting others' homes. Ask the student to think about their own home and what makes it special. They can write a short paragraph about what their home means to them.

Talking Points

- "What do you think makes Hedgehog's home so special to him?"
- "How do the other animals feel about Hedgehog's home? Why do you think they feel that way?"
- "Can you think of a time when you had to stand up for something important to you?"
- "What would you do if someone tried to take something that was yours?"

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- "What kinds of animals do you think live in a forest like Hedgehog's? Can you name a few?"
- "Why is it important to respect other people's space and belongings?"
- "What did you learn from Hedgehog about being brave and protecting what you love?"