

Objective

By the end of this lesson, Danika will be able to understand the themes of kindness and nature in "Night Tree" by Eve Bunting and express her thoughts through fun activities and discussions.

Materials and Prep

- Copy of "Night Tree" by Eve Bunting
- Paper and crayons or markers
- Small natural items (like leaves or twigs) for decoration
- Space to create a small craft project

Before the lesson, read "Night Tree" to familiarize yourself with the story and its themes. Think of ways to connect the story to nature and kindness, which will help guide the activities.

Activities

- Read-Aloud Time: Begin by reading "Night Tree" together. Ask Danika to listen carefully and think about what the characters do for the animals.
- Nature Art: After the story, go outside (if possible) and collect small natural items like leaves, twigs, or stones. Then, use these items to create a beautiful decoration on paper, inspired by the decorations in the story!
- Kindness Tree: Together, draw a big tree on a piece of paper. Talk about ways we can be kind to others, just like the characters in the book. Write or draw those ideas on the leaves of the tree!

Talking Points

- "What do you think the family is doing for the animals? Why is that nice?"
- "Can you tell me about your favorite part of the story? What did you like most?"
- "How can we be kind to nature? Can you think of something we can do?"