

GRADE **2**

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Social Studies

Oh, Snap! Christmas is Coming! Santa Needs Your Help!

Curriculum Connection:

Social Studies:

This lesson aligns with the Social Studies curriculum, specifically the strand of Celebrations and Traditions. By exploring the significance of spreading cheer and performing acts of kindness during the Christmas season, students engage with the cultural and social aspects of holiday traditions. Through the collaborative planning and execution of a class good deed, students actively participate in fostering a sense of community and contributing positively to their shared celebrations. This lesson integrates social responsibility, teamwork, and cultural awareness, connecting students to the broader context of holiday festivities within their community.

Learning Goals:

Social Studies:

- Students will understand the importance of spreading joy and cheer during the Christmas season.
- Students will recognize the value of performing small acts of kindness and good deeds.
- Students will actively engage in sharing and celebrating the good deeds they perform.
- Students will collaborate as a class to plan and execute a collective act of kindness.



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Materials:

S01E07

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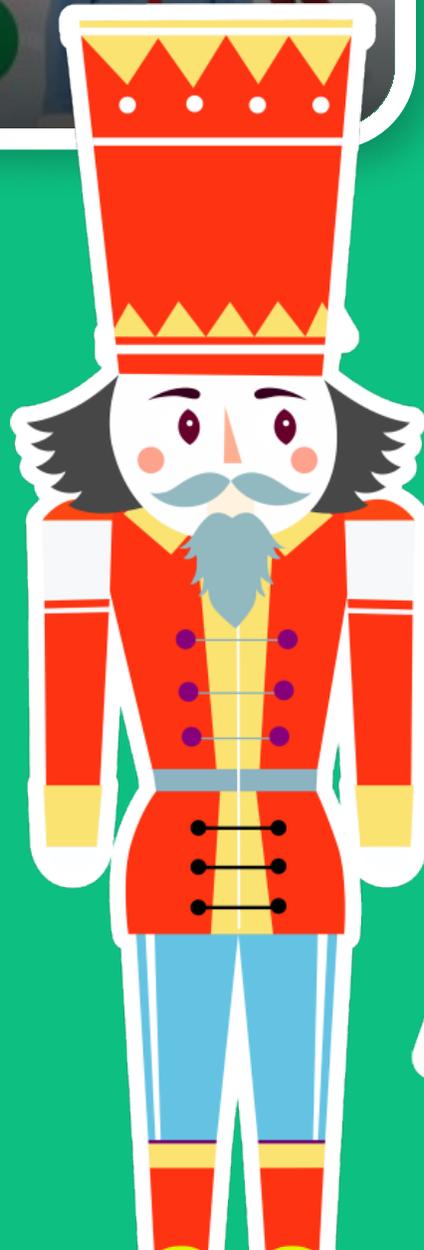


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Oh, Snap! Christmas is Coming!
Santa Needs Your Help!

Lesson Supplies:

- Oh, Snap! Christmas is Coming!: Santa Needs Your Help! S01E01
- Whiteboard
- Markers
- Large Cheer-O-Meter



Lesson:

Introduction:

Begin with a brief discussion about the Christmas season and the excitement it brings.

Introduce the Kidoodle.TV episode, explaining that Santa needs the students' help to boost the Cheer-O-Meter, which captures Christmas spirit and joy.

Ask students to think about what makes them feel cheerful during the holidays and share their ideas.

Viewing the Episode:

Show Kidoodle.TV's episode of "Oh, Snap! Christmas is Coming!: Santa Needs Your Help!". Encourage students to pay attention to how Santa and his elves explain the importance of spreading cheer and doing good deeds during the Christmas season.

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Class Discussion Spreading Cheer on the Cheer-O-Meter:

After watching the episode, initiate a discussion about the Cheer-O-Meter and why spreading cheer is important. Brainstorm a list of simple acts of kindness and good deeds that students can do to contribute to the holiday spirit.

Present a large Cheer-O-Meter template at the front of the class. Explain to students that each day, they will share a good deed that they have completed and will be able to fill in the Cheer-O-Meter. These can be acts of kindness that are done at school, at home, or in the community.

Class Good Deed Planning:

Brainstorm ideas for a collective act of kindness that the entire class can participate in. The following are a few examples:

1 - Holiday Card Drive:

Have the class create heartfelt holiday cards for residents in local nursing homes, hospitals, or

veterans' homes. Distribute the cards to spread joy during the festive season.

2 - Food Drive: Organize a class food drive to collect non-perishable items for a local food bank. Students can bring in items and work together to sort and pack the donations.

3 - Book Donation:

Encourage students to bring in gently used books, and as a class, donate them to a local library, community center, or school in need.

4 - School Beautification:

Plan a day where the class works together to beautify their school environment. This could include cleaning up the school grounds, planting flowers, or creating positive artwork to display.

5 - Kindness Rocks: Paint rocks with uplifting messages or pictures and place them in public areas around the school or community for others to find. This spreads positivity and encourages kindness.

6 - Classroom Compliment Jar:

Create a compliment jar for the class. Each student can write a kind note or compliment about a classmate and place it in the jar. Take time regularly to read and celebrate these positive messages.

Lesson:

7 - Nature Clean-Up: Plan a nature clean-up day where the class works together to clean up a local park or natural area. This promotes environmental awareness and community service.

8 - Collaborative Art

Project: Create a large, collaborative art project as a gift for another class, grade, or school. This could be a mural, a quilt, or any creative project that showcases the unity of the class.

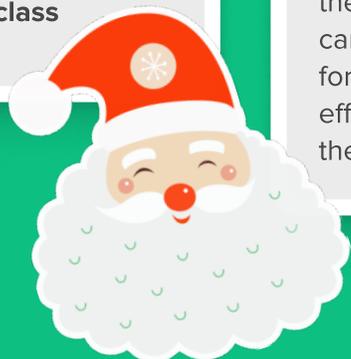
9 - Guest Readers for

Younger Grades: Arrange for the class to become guest readers for younger grades in the school. Students can choose favorite books and read to younger students, promoting literacy and mentorship.

10 - School Supply Drive:

Collect school supplies as a class and donate them to students in need within the school or community. This helps ensure that all students have access to necessary supplies.

Assign roles to students for the chosen class good deed.



Collaborative Good Deed Execution:

Over the next few weeks, execute the planned class good deed together, ensuring that each student plays a role. Reflect on the experience as a class, discussing the impact of their collective efforts.

Conclusion and Reflection:

Gather students for a final reflection on the lesson's core values of spreading cheer and performing acts of kindness. Emphasize the collective impact of their individual efforts and the shared class good deed on the overall Cheer-O-Meter.

Conclude by reinforcing the lesson's key message: that their actions, both big and small, contribute to a positive and joyful holiday season for themselves and those around them. Remind students to carry the spirit of kindness forward, creating a ripple effect of goodwill throughout the festive period.

Extension:

Connect with another classroom, possibly in a different grade or school, and establish a festive pen pal exchange. Students can craft holiday cards, sharing cheerful messages and well-wishes with their pen pals. This activity not only reinforces the importance of spreading joy but also introduces a sense of connection beyond their immediate community. Encourage students to express the values of kindness and goodwill in their cards.

Assessment

Assess students based on their engagement in the class discussion, creativity in decorating the large Cheer-O-Meter, their collaborative efforts in planning and executing the collective act of kindness, and their reflections on the experience.



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