

Don't be Afraid of the Dark

Lesson Plan

This poem is by Ruskin Bond who wrote a lot of poems, stories and novels about children and older people and their lives. This poem describes the night as a time of peace and beauty, not something to be afraid of, as most of us, especially when we are small children, tend to be scared of the dark.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- › Learning not to fear the dark - appreciating the peace of night.
- › Reading and reciting the poem with the correct rhythm and emphasis.
- › Answering questions on the poem.
- › Learning words, meanings, spellings, pronunciation, rhymes.

Read and Enjoy

- * Overcoming fear of the dark and enjoying the peaceful time of night.
- * Understanding the poem well.
- * Learning to pronounce perfectly by reciting the poem.

Outcome: Read, recite and understand the poem.

Read and Understand

- * Read aloud and enjoy the rhythm, rhyme and meaning of the poem.
- * Explain the poem clearly to the students so that they understand how the poet [as a little boy] is telling us about the night-time.
- * Discuss the exercises and ask the students to answer them orally, before writing the answers down.
- * Ask them to learn the poem and recite it correctly in turns in the class. Correct them where necessary.

Outcome: Answering questions on the poem.

Activity

* The students can do this activity on their own.

Outcome: Expressing one's activity.