

Let's Spell Green

Teaching Ideas and Answers

1. Name and discuss green animals. For instance, where do they live? What do they eat? Can they fly or swim? Encourage your kids to use complete sentences to describe the animals and their behavior. Here are a few:
 - Snake
 - Grasshopper
 - Lizard
 - Turtle
 - Praying Mantis
 - Caterpillars
2. Name and discuss the food shown in the video. Does it grow on a tree or a bush or a vine? How does it taste? Can they be cooked or eaten raw? Encourage your kids to use complete sentences to describe what they know about these foods. Here are the foods in the video.
 - Pickle
 - Pear
 - Lime
 - Jell-O
 - Apples
 - Grapes
 - Mangos
 - Broccoli
3. Name and discuss some other things that are green. Here are a few:
 - Shamrock
 - Grass
 - Christmas tree
 - Leprechaun
 - Water hose
 - Cactus
 - The Grinch
 - Peas
 - Celery
 - Plants
 - Kermit the frog
 - Money
 - The Hulk
 - Shrek
 - Leaves
 - Oscar the Grouch

4. Read the lyric sheet aloud and let the kids finish the lyric. For instance, "Green is a color that we see _____. It might be a pickle or it might be a _____."
5. The chorus of the song was designed to be catchy and predictable. This makes it easier for the kids to sing the most important part of the song. "Let me hear you spell green! G R E E N. Let me hear you spell green! G R E E N." If you have more than a few kids, divide them into two or three groups. As the song plays, you act as choir director and point to whichever group you want to call out the individual letters. Point to different groups at random to keep the children on their toes!
6. I included the MP3 song file to give you a little more flexibility over how you use the music. Sometimes you may just want to play the song as background music during playtime. Or maybe as an organized group activity like the ones described above. So feel free to use it on whatever device you prefer. Load it on to your iPhone or burn it on to a cd.
7. The lyric sheet is an editable word document. Please use it in any way you think will be helpful to your kids. Change the font size or type, change the page orientation. Print out individual phrases and have the kids draw a picture that corresponds to a phrase. Print out the whole thing and help your kids find popcorn words. There are quite a few in the song; is, a, green, that, we, see, it, be, or, all, the, time, let, me, hear, you, out, in, my, big, tree, just, as, and, can, he, for, on, with and spell.
8. I'm sure you will come up with other very creative ways to use the contents of this program. If you do and you feel like sharing, drop me a note at mike@rockrhythmandrhyme.com and I'll include your ideas (and give you credit for them) on the Rock Rhythm and Rhyme website.



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