



The Man, the Boy and the Donkey

WORKSHOPS

STORY:

The Man, the Boy and the Donkey

COUNTRY:

Greece

AGE:

6 - 8

Year 1

MATERIALS:

A4 paper, colour pencils, felt tip pens

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Predicting continuation of the text.
Expressing your thoughts and opinions.
Illustration of the story.

METHODS:

Work with the text.
Discussion/conversation on the text.
Creating an illustration.
Presentation of one's work.
Evaluation of works made by other pupils.

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The Man, the Boy and the Donkey

A man and his son were once going with their Donkey to market. As they were walking along by its side a countryman passed them and said: "You fools, what is a Donkey for but to ride upon?"

So, the Man put the Boy on the Donkey and they went on their way. But soon they passed a group of men, one of whom said: "See that lazy youngster, he lets his father walk while he rides." So, the Man ordered his Boy to get off, and got on himself.

But they hadn't gone far when they passed two women, one of whom said to the other: "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor little son trudge along."

Well, the Man didn't know what to do, but at last he took his Boy up before him on the Donkey. By this time, they had come to the town, and the passers-by began to jeer and point at them. The Man stopped and asked what they were scoffing at.

The men said: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey of you and your hulking son?"

The Man and Boy got off and tried to think what to do. They thought and they thought, till at last they cut down

a pole, tied the donkey's feet to it, and raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders.

They went along amid the laughter of all who met them till they came to Market Bridge, when the Donkey, getting one of his feet loose, kicked out and caused the Boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the Donkey fell over the bridge, and his fore-feet being tied together he was drowned.

"That will teach you," said an old man who had followed them: "Please all, and you will please none."

ACTIVITIES

Participants

Year 1 children, age 6-8

Activity 1:

Children listen to the story about a man, a boy and a donkey, the facilitator stops reading from time to time and asks the children – what, in their opinion, would happen next. The facilitator then reads the continuation. Each child can assess whether his or her forecasts have come true/has been fulfilled. At the end of the story, the facilitator asks questions about the text:

- Where did the man and his son go?
- Who was the first to ride the donkey?
- What did the people around them say?
- What happened to the donkey at the end of the story?
- What you would have done in these situations?
- How do you understand the saying – if you will try to please everyone, then no one will be satisfied with you?
- How could one express that in other words?

Activity 2:

Every child chooses whether he/she wants to work with coloured pencils or felt-tip pens. On A4 page they make up a sketch of the story. Each child chooses his part of the story that he/she wants to display.

Activity 3:

Children line up with their drawings in the order, according to the story, and everyone tries to tell what's going on in his illustration quoting the story.

Activity 4:

Exhibition of illustrations. Each child is given a badge that he/she can add to the illustration which he/she likes most of all. Children explain why they liked that particular illustration (for example, because of the quality of the drawing; because it's the best part of the story; because of artistic freedom that the painter added to his/hers picture).