



## **A Tree is Nice**

Janice May Udry, pictures by Marc Simont

Caldecott Medal Winner 1956

### **Lesson Plan:**

**Materials:** Large paper bags, with handles, pencils, black markers, crayons. Cut bag into two sheets with handles to hang finished work.

**Goal:** Recognize and respect value/benefits and uses of trees.

#### **Objectives:**

Identify favorite tree and draw a picture of it to hang on wall.

Share stories of importance and impact of trees.

Raise awareness of variety of trees.

Show how to plant and care for a tree.

#### **Method:**

Read the picture book: *A Tree Is Nice*

Note contrast between black and white versus color illustrations.

Observe and identify all of the different colors in the bark.

Ask each participant to remember their favorite tree and everything they can about it.

Draw your favorite tree (and yourself) in pencil, then black marker and add color with crayons. Add details to indicate your experience(s) with the tree.

Share your drawing with others. Thank the tree.

Read other books about trees to learn more about their value.

(see list of recommended picture books on reverse side of page)

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Recommended Reading:

Applegate, Katherine, *Wishtree*

Brandt, Keith, *Discovering Trees*

Burzynski, Roberta, *Why Would Anyone Cut a Tree Down?*

Cherry, Lynne, *The Great Kapok Tree*

Cooney, Barbara, *Miss Rumphius*

Dorros, Arthur, *A Tree is Growing*

Dwellely, Marilyn, *Trees and Shrubs of New England*

Golden Nature Guide, *Trees – A Guide to Familiar American Trees*

Grange Books, *Trees – A Pocket Companion*

Iverson, Diane, *My Favorite Tree (Terrific Trees of North America)*

Sendak, Maurice, *Where the Wild Things Are*

Seuss, Dr., *The Lorax*

Silverstein, Shel, *The Giving Tree*

Udry, Janice May, *A Tree Is Nice*

Van Allsburg, Chris, *Just A Dream*

Worth, Bonnie, *I Can Name 50 Trees Today!*