

majikkidsclub

THE GREAT FIRE

a tale of trust and courage

Activity Book



Conversation Starters

Write or share your answers with a friend, classmate or grown up.
These make for great dinnertime conversations after listening to the story.

Moment of Relief:

What was your favourite moment in the story that made you laugh or smile or sigh with relief?

Trust: Why is trust important for teamwork, how did the animals in the story demonstrate they trusted each other? What do you trust others to do in your life?

Gathering Allies: “If you could gather your own allies to help you face challenges like climate change, who or what would they be?” What qualities do these allies have that make them important to you? Why do you think they would help?

Island Map Creation

Duration: 1-2 hours

Create an island map of turtle island in the story

Materials Needed:

- Large sheets of paper or cardboard
- Colored markers, crayons, or paints
- Craft supplies (stickers, colored paper)
- Reference images from the story
- Scissors, glue, and natural materials (leaves, twigs, pebbles)

Instructions:

1. Brainstorm Features:

Share memories of Turtle Island in 'The Journey of Trust'. Discuss elements like rivers, forests, mountains, and animal clan habitats. Assign features based on interests.

2. Create a Rough Draft:

Sketch a layout of the map. Decide on locations for forests, rivers, and clans. Collaborate and adjust the design.

3. Draw and Craft the Final Map:

Use large paper to create the final map. Each member adds their assigned features with markers, crayons, or natural materials. Label key features (e.g., "The Great Forest," "Snowy's Home"). Discuss the significance of each area or who may live there.

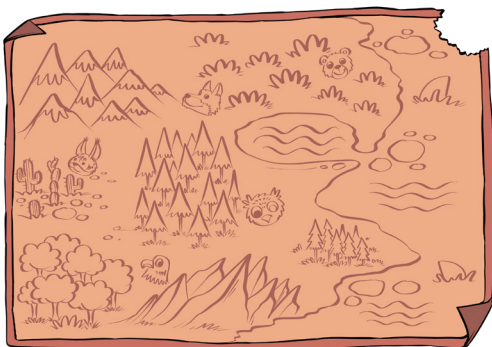
4. Share Your Creation:

Present your map, explaining its features and their relation to the story.

Follow-Up Activity:

Map Expansion: Add stories or facts to create a legend explaining each feature.

Adventure Story: Write a short adventure set in Turtle Island using the created map.



Animal Mask Craft

Duration: 1-2 hours

Children will create their own animal mask based off characters from the story.

Materials Needed:

- Paper plates
- Paints, markers, or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue and tape
- Elastic string or popsicle sticks
- Craft supplies (feathers, yarn, fabric scraps, stickers)



Instructions:

1. Choose Your Animal:

Select your favourite animal from the story or any other animal you'd like to portray. Discuss the characteristics and traits of your chosen animal with the group.

2. Design Your Mask:

Use a paper plate as the base for your mask - or other materials. Cut out eye holes and, if desired, a mouth hole. Consider how you want your animal to look and gather ideas.

3. Decorate Your Mask:

Use paints, markers, and craft supplies to decorate your mask. Think about the colors, patterns, and textures that represent your animal. Allow the mask to dry if using wet materials.

4. Create the Mask's Structure:

Attach elastic string to the sides of the mask for wearing, or glue a popsicle stick to hold it. Ensure it's comfortable for your face.

5. Role-Play Time:

Once all masks are complete, gather in a circle. Each child can take turns acting out a scene from the story as their chosen animal. Encourage everyone to embody the character through movements and sounds.

Create Your Own Animal Clan

Duration: 1.5 hours

Create your own animal clan that reflects your values!

Materials Needed:

- Paper plates or cardstock (for masks)
- Markers, crayons, or paints
- Craft supplies (glitter, feathers, glue, scissors)
- Optional: Animal pictures or reference materials for inspiration
- Large paper or a whiteboard for group sharing

Instructions:

1. Introduction:

Begin by discussing the concept of an animal clan and how animals can embody certain values and traits. Ask the children questions like:

- “What qualities do you admire in animals?”
- “What animals do you think represent bravery, kindness, or intelligence?”
- Explain that they will create their own animal clans by choosing animals that represent their values and then designing their clan members.

2. Choosing Animals and Designing Clans:

Instruct each child to think about the values they want their clan to represent (e.g., courage, friendship, wisdom).

- Have them choose 3-5 animals that embody these values.
- Provide them with materials to create their clan members:
 - **Masks:** If they choose to make masks, give them paper plates and craft supplies to decorate. Encourage them to think about the colors and features that represent their chosen animals.
 - **Drawings:** If they prefer to draw, provide cardstock and encourage them to illustrate their animals and label the values associated with each one.
- Allow the children to work on their projects, offering guidance and support as needed. Play soft background music to create a relaxed crafting atmosphere.

3. Sharing and Discussion:

Invite each child to share their animal clan with the group. Encourage them to explain:

- The animals they chose
- The values each animal represents
- Why those values are important to them

You Are the Visionary

Duration: 1 hour

Reflecting on fears and hopes to learn how to cultivate visions of the future.

Materials Needed:

- A jar, box, or container
- Tape and markers
- Paper (cut into small squares or strips)
- Pens or pencils
- Decorative materials (stickers, paints, etc.)



Instructions:

1. Introduction to Visionary Thinking:

Discuss Snowy the Owl's experience with her vision and the feelings of doubt and fear she faced. Encourage children to share their hopes, dreams and visions for the future of our planet.

2. Choosing Your Visionary Container:

Select a jar, box, or container that will serve as your "Visionary Container." This will hold your hopes and dreams for the world. Decorate it as inspires you.

3. Writing Your Messages:

Take small pieces of paper and write down:

- **Hopes:** Wonderful things you imagine could happen, reflecting your visions for a better future.
- **Fears:** On different papers, write down the things they are worried about or that you feel might happen in the future.

4. Creating Your Container:

Once you have written your messages of hope, place them inside the container.

5. Burying your Fears:

For the list of fears that came up, do a burning or burying ritual where the children symbolically bury those fears, so they can stay focused on their vision of hope.

6. Sharing and Discussion:

In small groups or as a class, share one fear and one hope from your containers (if comfortable). Discuss how sharing can help support each other as visionaries.

Owl's Prophecy Art

Duration: 1 hour

Visualize key elements of prophecy and life balance as explained by Snowy the Owl.

Materials Needed:

- Large sheets of drawing paper or canvas (11"x14" or larger)
- Crayons, colored pencils, or markers
- Watercolor paints (optional)
- Paintbrushes (if using watercolors)
- Small containers of water (for paint)
- Paper towels (for clean-up)
- Examples of symbols (images of fire, animals, the moon, and the sun) for reference
- Optional: Glitter, stickers, or other decorative materials

Instructions:

1. Introduction:

Begin by discussing the significance of Snowy the Owl's vision in the story. Explain that art can be a way to express thoughts and feelings about balance, nature & connection.

Show examples of symbols like fire, animals, the moon, and the sun, discussing their meanings and how they relate to the themes of balance and life cycles.

2. Creating Art:

Distribute the drawing paper or canvas and art supplies to each child.

Encourage children to create their own vision or prophecy art. Remind them to incorporate the following elements:

- **Colors:** Use different colors to express various emotions or ideas.
- **Shapes:** Experiment with shapes to create symbols that represent their thoughts.
- **Images:** Include images of fire, animals, the moon, and the sun, emphasizing how these elements connect to the theme of balance.

3. Presentation:

Once the artwork is completed, invite each child to present their artwork to the group.

Encourage them to explain the symbols they used and the meanings behind their choices.

1. Reflection & Discussion:

Reflecting on the art created and discuss how everyone's vision contributes to a greater understanding of balance in nature and life.

How can you apply the concept of balance in your own lives?

Animal Charades

Duration: 40 minutes

Develop communication skills and teamwork while learning about animal traits.

Materials Needed:

- Slips of paper or index cards
- Pen or pencil
- A container (e.g., a box or hat) for drawing slips
- Timer (optional)

Instructions:

1. Introduction:

Gather the children and explain the concept of charades. Discuss how the game will help them develop their communication skills and teamwork.

Introduce the idea that they will be acting out different animals without using words, they can use gestures or body movements to convey their chosen animal.

2. Preparation:

Have each child write down the name of an animal on a slip of paper or index card. Encourage them to think about animals that have unique traits or behaviors.

Collect all the slips in a container, mixing them up.

3. Game Play:

Each child draws a slip of paper from the container and has 1-2 minutes to act out the animal without speaking.

The rest of the group guesses which animal is being acted out. Once the animal is guessed correctly, the actor reveals the animal and can briefly explain its characteristics.

If the group struggles to guess, encourage them to ask yes-or-no questions to help narrow it down. Repeat this process until each child has had at least one turn.

4. Discussion:

After all rounds are completed, gather the group to discuss the traits of the animals acted out. Ask guiding questions such as:

- "What unique behaviors did we see in the animals?"
- "How do these traits help the animals survive in their environments?"
- "What can we learn from these animals about teamwork and communication?"



Make a “Trust Tree”

Duration: 1 hour

Foster a sense of trust and community.

Materials Needed:

- Large paper or a poster board (for the tree trunk and branches)
- Green paper (for the leaves)
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Glue or tape
- Optional: Stickers or decorative items for embellishment

Instructions:

1. Cut Out Leaves:

Using the green paper, cut out leaf-shaped cutouts. You can make a template to trace or let the children create their own leaf shapes.

2. Write Trust or Appreciation Statements:

Each child takes a leaf cutout and writes something they trust or appreciate about others on it. For example, “I trust my friend to help me when I need it” or “I’m grateful my classmate to listen to my ideas.”

3. Attach the Leaves:

Draw a large tree with bare branches on paper or a board.

Once all the leaves are decorated with trust or appreciation statements, have the children attach their leaves to the tree trunk using glue or tape.

4. Discuss Trust and Gratitude:

Gather everyone around the Trust Tree. Have an open discussion about the importance of trust in your community. Encourage each child to share their leaf and explain why they chose that particular statement. Discuss how trust helps build a supportive environment.

Role-Play: Rescue Mission

Duration: 1 hour: Encourage teamwork and creative problem-solving in a crisis while developing communication skills.

Materials Needed:

- Scenario cards (with descriptions of various rescue missions)
- Props or costumes (optional, to represent different animals)
- Large paper or whiteboard for brainstorming ideas
- Markers or crayons

Instructions:

1. Introduction:

Gather the group and introduce the concept of the rescue mission.

Explain the importance of teamwork and how different skills can help solve problems.

Present a brief overview of Turtle Island, discussing its features (rivers, forests, mountains) and the different animal clans living there. This sets the stage for the scenario.

2. Team Organization and Scenario Assignment:

Divide the children into small teams, assigning each team a different animal clan (e.g., Eagles, Bears, Wolves). Provide each team with a scenario card that describes an emergency (e.g., an Eagle is stuck in a tree, a Bear is lost in the forest, etc.).

Allow teams a few minutes to read their scenarios and discuss initial thoughts.

3. Planning the Rescue:

Instruct each team to brainstorm how they can use their animal's unique strengths and resources to create a rescue plan. Encourage them to think creatively about how each member can contribute. Have them consider questions like:

- "What skills do we have?"
- "How can we work together?"
- "What tools or resources do we need?"

4. Role-Play and Presentation:

Invite each team to present their rescue plan to the rest of the group as a short skit. They can act out the scenario as they explain their approach. Encourage other teams to ask questions or offer suggestions after each presentation. After all teams have presented, hold a discussion about the various strategies used. Ask guiding questions like:

- "What worked well in each plan?"
- "How did teamwork play a role in the rescue?"
- "What challenges did you face while planning?"

Earth Honouring Altar

Duration: 50 minutes

Create a small honouring space (like an altar) to show gratitude for animals, plants, and nature, fostering respect and mindfulness for the natural world.

Materials:

- Natural objects (stones, leaves, flowers)
- Recycled materials (small boxes, cardboard, cloth)
- Crayons, markers, eco-friendly paint
- Images of animals and nature
- Optional: small battery candles or essential oils
- Anything else that makes you feel appreciation for nature.

Instructions:

1. Introduction to Gratitude for Nature

Discuss the importance of animals, plants, and ecosystems. Explain that creating a gratitude altar is a beautiful way to honour the planet and express thanks.

2. Create the Honouring Space

- Select a small area as an honoring space (indoor or outdoor).
- Arrange natural items meaningfully on a recycled-material base.
- Decorate with colors, animal images, or messages of gratitude.

3. Crafting Symbols of Gratitude

Write or draw something you're thankful for in nature and place it on the altar.

Optional: Add a candle or a calming scent.

4. Reflection and Sharing

- Share what you added to your altar and why.
- Discuss ways to revisit this space to keep gratitude alive.

