Piglet Mindset for Preschoolers



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Piglet Mindset Educational Program online resources

Piglet Comes Home Children's Book

Introduction of Piglet to the students through creative and engaging discussions and activities listed in this sequence

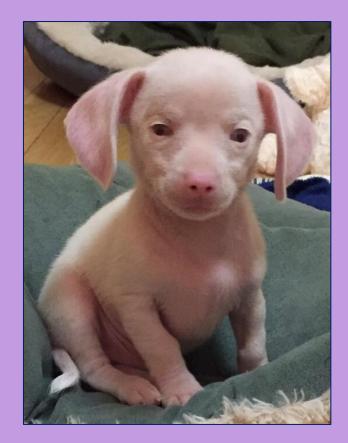
Visit PigletMindset.org to learn about the online Piglet Mindset Educational Program that can be adapted to use with preschool aged children.

Follow Piglet, the deaf blind pink puppy. on Facebook and check regularly for inspirational, motivational, and fun videos and captions too, to share with students for a Piglet Mindset Minute!



Objective: Introduce ideas of how people are similar and different.

- Ask the children to look around the room at their peers and discuss ways in which they are the same and ways they are different.
- Call two children up and have their peers list ways they are different: taller/shorter, hair color, boy/girl, skin color, sound of their voices, glasses/no glasses.
- *Ask them: does being shorter make you more capable or better than your friend who is taller? How about if you wear glasses? Etc.



Move on to point out that there are other ways that people may differ:

- Introduce concepts of being deaf and blind.
- Have the children cover their ears and look at the teacher. Pretend to talk. Ask them to remove their hands from their ears.
- Could they hear what you were saying? If not, how do you learn and spend your day if you can't hear?
- Move on to discussion of sign language with a demonstration of some signs.
- How did it feel not being able to hear anything?

Introduce the concept of being blind

- Have the children cover their eyes with either their hands or a bandana.
- How does it feel not being able to see anything?
- How do you know where to go if you can't see?
- Talk about needing to listen to others who may be giving directions of where to go and what to do.

Being Blind cont.

- Have the children cover their eyes with either their hands or a bandana. How does it feel not being able to seeing anything?
- How do you know where to go if you can't see? Talk about needing to listen to others who may be giving directions of where to go and what to do.
- Place objects in front of them while sitting on the rug. Have them pick them up. Can they identify them with their other senses?

- Ask them to move around the classroom. How did it go?
- Was it easier or harder to move around with your eyes covered? Did you get frustrated?
- Did you want to take the bandana off and give up? What if your eyes or ears didn't work?
- Talk about saying "I'll try" rather than "I can't."

Introduce the concept of being deaf and blind at the same time

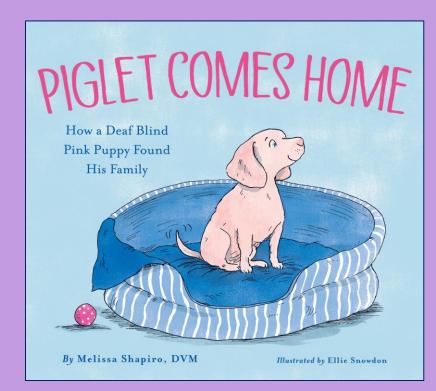
- Combine activities from above that relate to being deaf and blind to illustrate and simulate what it would be like to be unable to hear and see at the same time.
- Ask children how they would communicate with their family and friends. How they would be able to receive communication from others.
- Lead in to the children's book- let's find out how Piglet was cared for by his new family, and how he learned to feel safe in his new home.



Introduce the *Piglet Comes Home* Children's Book

- Talk about how animals, just like people, have similarities and differences.
- Stop during the book and ask the children how they think Piglet is feeling. Did he give up? How did he figure out how to move around his house and yard?
- Can you still be proud of yourself even if some parts of your body don't work as well as other parts?

Visit PigletMindset.org and show the children the first powerpoint of the Piglet Mindset Educational Program which is titled, **The Story of Piglet, the deaf blind pink puppy.**



Introduce the concept of Piglet's Inclusion Pack

- Did the other dogs welcome Piglet even though he couldn't see or hear?
- Did they make him feel welcome in their home even though he was a little different from them?
- What would you do if a friend in your classroom couldn't hear or see?

Return to the Piglet Mindset Educational Program materials on PigletMindset.org and show children the PowerPoint Piglet's Inclusion Pack. There are activities and other PowerPoint presentations on the website for even more in depth Piglet Mindset work. All are adaptable for younger children.



Reread the *Piglet Comes Home* Book

- Reinforce concepts
- Enjoy the adorable story
- Encourage parents to purchase a book for their children to have at home

Contact us with an email to pinkpigletpuppy@gmail.com to request a virtual or in-person school visit from Piglet and his pack

We will send or bring Piglet stickers and Piglet's Inclusion Pack membership cards for all students participating in the Piglet Mindset program.



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