

Grade 3

<p>Health Objectives</p> <p>3.03 Demonstrate how to effectively and respectfully express opinions that differ from others.</p> <p>3.05 Create and follow rules for productive discussion.</p>	<p>Language Arts Objectives</p> <p>2.06 Summarize main ideas from written or spoken texts.</p> <p>2.08 Listen actively by facing the speaker, making eye contact, and asking questions to clarify and learn more.</p>
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Materials Needed:

Books and folktales which lend themselves to open-ended questions, such as:

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs, Jon Scieszka
Jack and the Bean Tree, Gail E. Haley

Focus:

Ask students to think about a time when they saw a situation differently from a friend. It might have been something that happened on the playground or in a ballgame. Ask students to discuss a time when they disagreed over something that happened. After hearing some examples, tell students they are going to listen to an unusual version of a story they already know, *The Three Little Pigs*. Ask a student to tell the version most of them know. Then read *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. *Did the wolf have a different opinion about what happened from the pigs?* Have a brief discussion of the wolf's opinion.

Teacher Input:

After reading, explain to students that the focus of today's lesson is learning how to respectfully express opinions and ideas when they are different from a friend's idea or opinion. *We will learn a way to have an orderly class discussion. We will discuss some ideas from the book. Everybody has their own ideas and opinions about lots of different things. Some people think a certain ice cream is better than another, a certain sport is better than another, one TV show is better, one team is better than another. Adults have opinions about which grocery store has the best prices or who they think would be the best President of the US.*

Having ideas and discussing them is an important process of our society. Everyone in our country has a right to an opinion. Not everyone agrees with everyone else. When you have an opinion, you need to support your opinion and express yourself calmly without getting angry. To help us express our opinions we are going to use a system called, Think -Write- Pair-Share-Square. First, make a decision; decide what your opinion is. Write reasons to support your opinion; why do you feel this way? Next share your answers with one other person taking turns. Then two people combine with two more people to discuss your ideas. Let's practice!

Practice and Assessment:

Talk students through each step of Think-Write-Pair-Share-Square.

Some possible discussion questions which can be used with *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*:

- *Was the wolf guilty?*
- *Were the pigs honest?*
- *Do you think the pigs were smart about their choice of building materials ?*
- *Does every story have two sides?*
- *Should the third little pig have shared a cup of sugar?*

Questions to use with *Jack and the Bean Tree*

- *Was Jack a thief?*
- *Who is the villain in the story?*
- *Should Jack have returned the Giant's possessions?*
- *Should Jack help Matilda?*