

Lesson 4: *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed*

THEME: Choose Kind(ness)

BOOK: *Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed* Written by Emily Pearson and illustrated by Fumi Kosaka

MATERIALS:

- ***Laminated Poster 1 or Information written on board or chart paper -** author, illustrator of book, and vocabulary words

Vocabulary words: ordinary – not unusual or very different or special

extraordinary – very different, unusual

deed – something that is done: an act or action

luscious– having a very pleasing taste or smell

stressed – feeling very worried or anxious

impressed – to cause (someone) to feel admiration, approval, respect, or interest

Random Act of Kindness – an unexpected act of charity or helpfulness and is often done for a stranger

Ripple effect - the continuing and spreading results of an event or action

For Poem: course – path or direction

gesture – a movement of your body to express an idea or feeling or something said or done to show a particular feeling or attitude

seek – to search for

- ***Laminated Poster 2: Poem - “Kindness” by Carly Dugmore - Can be projected or written on poster or chart paper**
- **Optional: Copy of poem for each student**
- **Optional: Pointer**
- **Optional: Vis-a-vis for laminated poster**
- **Highlighter Tape (optional)**
- **Optional: Link to Video of a ripple in water <https://youtu.be/wLoSOz8e3qE>**

POSSIBLE WORD WORK FOCUS in Poem: “ei” sounding like /ay/

reign, rein, vein neigh, eight, weigh, weight, freight neighbor, veil, beige, sleigh

BEFORE READING OF BOOK/DISCUSSION: Review what ordinary and extraordinary means.

Show children the book cover and read the title, and author and illustrator's names. *Do you have any idea what the book will be about just from looking at the cover? Does anyone know what the word, “deed” means? A deed is an act or action.*

READ BOOK

AFTER READING OF BOOK/DISCUSSION: Ask children what they think the author's message might be. *What was Mary's extraordinary deed? What happens after Mary picks the blueberries and leaves them on Mrs. Bishop's porch? Why do you think Mary did that? Did she expect anything in return? Mary's deed was an act of kindness. We might call it a random act of kindness because Mary was not doing her kind act in response to a kind act that Mrs. Bishop did for her. A random act of kindness is an unexpected act of charity or helpfulness and is often done for a stranger, but not as a thank you for someone who has been kind to you.*

Think about it. Have you every done something just to be kind to someone else as Mary did? Mary's one act of kindness created a chain reaction of kind deeds. It had a ripple effect (Vocabulary word -video <https://youtu.be/wLoSOz8e3qE>) Have you ever heard of someone doing a random act of kindness? Share with your students any random acts of kindness you may have heard about.

If you would like and have time – go back through the book and make a chart together with the class of the kind things that were done in the book so they can act as a reminder of some kind things they may choose to do in the future. You do not necessarily have to write all of them or the name of the people who did them. You can refer to the chart in this lesson plan also.

POEM/DISCUSSION: Project Poem, or have it written on chart paper or poster board. It can be laminated for later use. Read poem with class and discuss difficult words and meaning. You can do some word work with it. Look at possible literacy focus on previous page. You may want each student to have a copy of the poem to add it to poetry book, if applicable.

WRITING ACTIVITY: Questions you might ask your students.

What are some examples of small gestures of kindness?

How can some random act of kindness make a big difference?

Look up the term "Paying it forward". How does it relate to kindness?

What did you learn from the book?

Random Acts of Kindness

Person	Act of Kindness
Mary	Bowl of blueberries for Mrs. Bishop
Mrs. Bishop	Blue berry Muffins for 5 people
Billy Parker	Handed newspapers to 5 customers
Mr. Mori	Helped 5 people with heavy bags Also played Peek-a-boo with James
Mario and James	James gave an orange to Joseph and Mario paid for it
Joseph	Gave Sahar a new bag that he made himself
Sahar	Paid a compliment to Sophia who looked so sad
Sophia	Called her son and cheered him up
Doctor Tom	Bought a big bunch of balloons for 5 kids
Peter	Helped Eric with his sacks
Eric	Taught Di, his sister, how to skateboard at the park
Di	Offered to buy a meal for Louise
Louise	Found Amara's wallet and returned it to her
Amara	Offered Louise a job at her store and gave a sold-out theater ticket to Kate
Kate	Bought a present for Mary and 4 other people

Ripple effect - the continuing and spreading results of an event or action





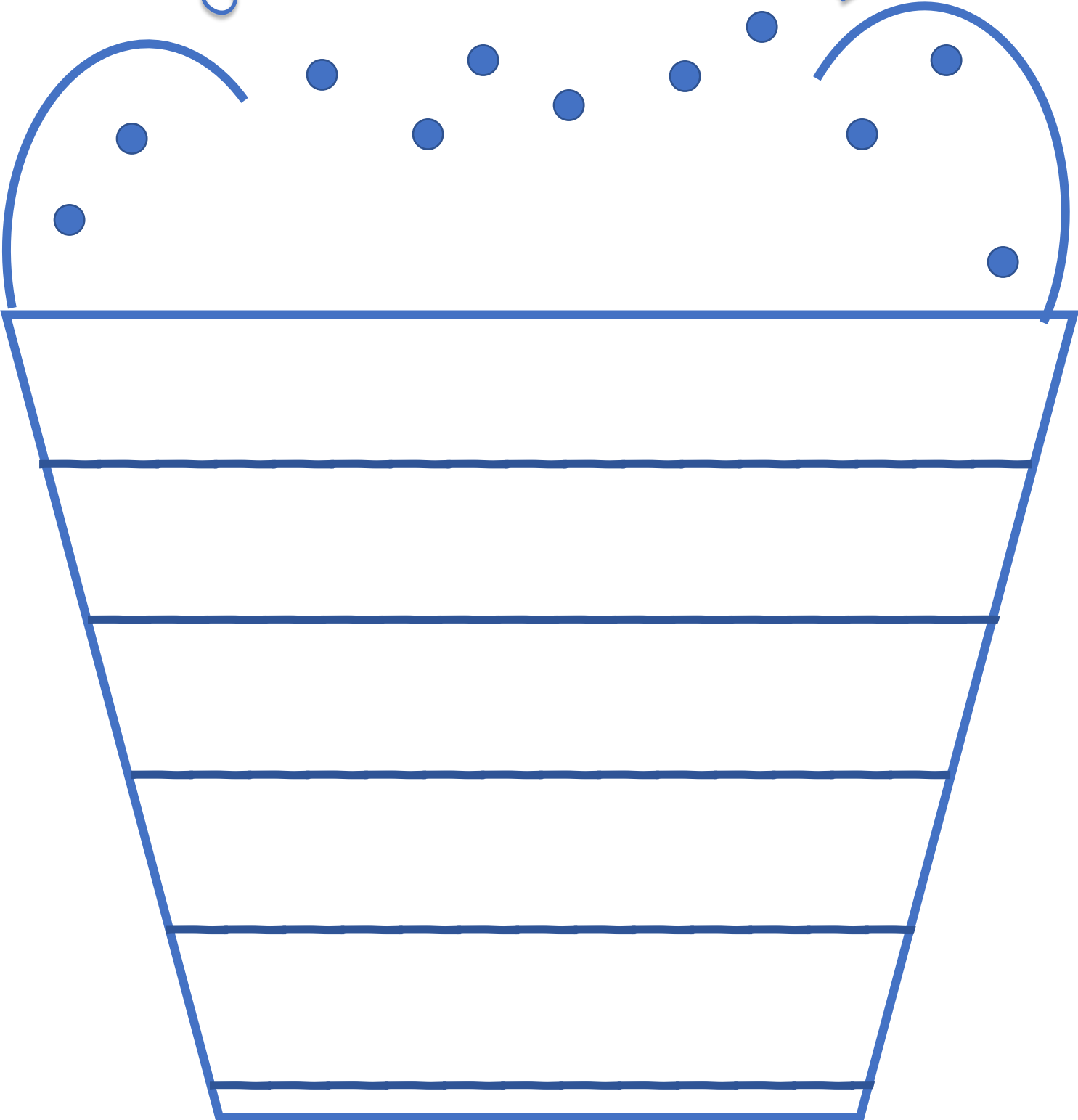
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Kindness

It doesn't matter where you go,
Or who you meet along the way,
Carry kindness in your heart,
And practice it each day.

A simple smile can change the course
Of someone else's week,
The smallest gesture represents,
The gift of joy we seek.

A gentle touch reminds us,
That humanity still reigns.
To pet a lonely cat or dog
Shows that love will never wane.

There are a million obstacles
On any given day,
But rise above the hate and fear
And live life the kindness way.

Carly Dugmore