



## WORK TOGETHER LESSON PLAN

**Woof! Woof!:** The focus of this lesson is to reinforce the concept of working together through teamwork by encouraging participation in fun literacy and cognitive activities.

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### Teach: Lost and Found!

**Objective:** The following activity nurtures essential social and emotional skills and language and literacy skills.

Discuss the concept of working together and teamwork. Explain that when friends work together, good things can happen! Share feelings associated with losing a favorite toy. Encourage children to take turns relating their own experiences with losing something special.

Show children the illustrations from *Clifford's Busy Week* by Norman Bridwell. Read and discuss. Check for comprehension by having children retell the story and identify characters. Finally, ask children to give this story a new title and talk about how Emily Elizabeth and Clifford worked as a team to find Clifford's lost toy, Squeaky.

### Practice: Teamwork Train!

**Objective:** The following activity nurtures essential fine motor skills, cognitive skills and creative expression through music skills.

Help children recognize basic geometric shapes found in a train by showing them pictures or drawing a model. Provide children with shape patterns, pencil, scissors, colored paper, and glue. Use rectangles for boxcars, circles for wheels, and a cylinder for the smokestack. After shapes are traced and cut, help children cooperatively build a train along a classroom wall or chalkboard. Have children sign and date their boxcars. Substitute children's names as you sing and clap to the old railroad tune She'll (child's name) Be (will be) Coming Around the Mountain...when she/he comes!

### Extend

Working together to gather and record information can be a fun and valuable learning experience! Help children create a "Lost and Found" journal by describing, drawing, and cataloging information about lost items in the classroom or school. Have children update the journal weekly and give a short report on new items lost and found. Explore trains of yesterday and today to help children discover the history and importance of one of America's oldest means of transportation.