

AQUIRING ACTIVITIES - "INQUIRING AND INVESTIGATING"

3. "Stone Soup"

This activity provides a contrast to the Rich Man - Poor Man Lunch and illustrates how people can work together to feed themselves and others.



Materials Needed:

Book "Stone Soup" by Jon J. Muth

Book "Bone Button Borscht" by Aubrey Davis

Book "Cactus Soup" by Eric A. Kimmel

Chart paper

A crock pot or pan with vegetable stock

Cutting boards and knives

Read "Stone Soup" by Jon J. Muth.

Highlight how a community of individuals came together to create something bigger than any of them could alone.

Compare "Stone Soup" to similar stories. Try reading "Bone Button Borscht" by Aubrey Davis and/or "Cactus Soup" by Eric A. Kimmel.

Respond: Invite students to record their observations/similarities and differences on a large chart paper Venn diagram.

Act: Ask students to make their own "Stone Soup," bringing in vegetables from home to share as a class or with families. You can either do a full cooking activity (chopping vegetables, etc.) or you could ask each child to bring in a small baggie with ready chopped vegetables to add to the pot.

Create your own recipe from the ingredients you communally provide. You could record this in a poster or book.



Discuss how the message of working together to accomplish more can be put into action to hel combat hunger in the world. ("Many hands make light work.")
You might use the "Empty Bowls" project as an example (see www.emptybowls.org for details).
Teacher Notes:

"We will all need to work together, forever, all of us, to help our hungry and homeless." – Hannah