

LESSON PLAN I

Grade Level K - 3

Time Needed 30 minutes

Skill Areas Critical thinking, listening

Objective Students will become aware of homelessness and some of its causes.

Materials The book *Our Wish* by Ralph da Costa Nunez.

Teacher Preparation Preview the book *Our Wish*.

Activity Teacher will read *Our Wish* aloud to the class and lead the class in a discussion.

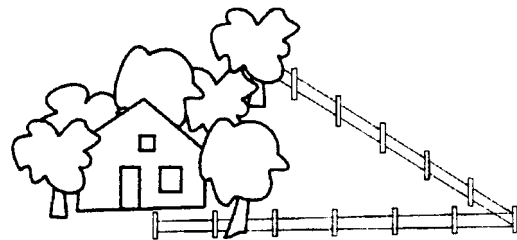
Ask these discussion questions before reading the book aloud.

1. What do you think it means when a person is homeless?
2. What might you do to help someone who is homeless?

Ask these questions after reading.

1. What are some of the reasons that the animals were in the animal shelter?
2. Why might some people become homeless?

Just as in the story where different animals were homeless, so might different people become homeless; adults and children alike.



Facts & Figures K-3

What is homelessness?

- When somebody does not have a place to live they are called “homeless”.
- Some families are homeless for a few days and others are homeless for years.
- In the United States, lots and lots of people are homeless.
- Somebody is homeless if something ruins their house and they have to live at somebody else’s house, at a shelter, in their car, or on the street.