



WHISKER WATCHERS



Grade Level: Preschool to Kindergarten Ages 3-5

Objective: Introduction to the fun and tradition of Halloween. Encourage discussions about bravery, safety, and what to expect. Engage in art projects inspired by the book.

Materials Needed: A copy of "*WHISKER WATCHERS*" by Jaybie D. Drawing paper, crayons, construction paper, glue, scissors, flashlights (optional for a "nighttime" effect).

Introduction (5 minutes): Begin with a brief discussion about Halloween. Ask if they have dressed up for Halloween and/or if they are planning to this year. Explain that today's lesson is about special cats called the "*WHISKER WATCHERS*" who keep kids candy safe on Halloween.

Read Aloud (10 minutes): Read the book using expressive voices. Point to illustrations and ask interactive questions to keep the children engaged.

Discussion (10 minutes): Encourage sharing what they like about Halloween and simple safety tips (e.g., holding an adult's hand, using a flashlight). Discuss how the "*WHISKER WATCHERS*" help the children feel safe.

Activity (15 minutes): Re-read parts of the book and focus on the details that show safety (e.g., lights, ropes). Point these out and explain them simply and/or ask the children to point out safety features in the pictures. Provide drawing paper and crayons for children to draw their own "*WHISKER WATCHERS*" or other safe Halloween scene.

Conclusion (5 minutes): Share and discuss the drawings. Recap the thrill of Halloween and the importance of staying safe, emphasizing that Halloween is pretend and meant for fun.

Extension Activities (Optional): Have a mini-parade in the classroom to show off their drawings or simple costumes/face masks. Role-play saying "trick or treat" and receiving candy, emphasizing polite behavior. Reinforce safety, such as walking not running), staying together, looking both ways, holding hands, waiting to eat candy, etc.