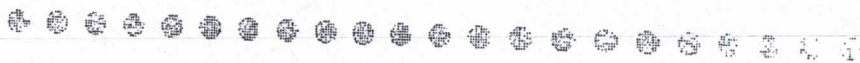


Oh Give Me a Home

Children explore the concept of shelter.



- Objectives:**
- ❖ To help children understand the need for shelter
 - ❖ To explore the wide variety of homes

- Materials:**
- ❖ Chart paper
 - ❖ Markers
 - ❖ Pictures of different types of shelter around the world

- Procedure:**
1. Begin by making a chart with the group of who lives where. List the types of housing in your neighborhood such as: houses, apartments, trailers. Draw a picture to illustrate each type of housing. These become the headings for the graph. Underneath the headings write the names of children who live in that type of housing. Emphasize that different types of housing are just different, not funny, weird, or wrong.
 2. Show pictures of different types of housing, then ask the children the following questions:
 - ❖ What kinds of shelter are not listed on our chart?
 - ❖ What materials can be used in making shelter?
 - ❖ How are these shelters the same?
 - ❖ How are they different?
 - ❖ What kind of shelter do animals use?

TIPS!

- ❖ A good source of pictures of different types of homes is the book *Children Just Like Me* by Barnabas and Anabel Kindersley (New York: Doring Kindersley, 1995).
- ❖ As a follow-up activity, have children work in groups of four to make temporary "houses" out of chairs, fabric, and/or cardboard. It's ideal if you are able to locate a big, empty box, such as a refrigerator box. Then you'll have a structure that can stay in the classroom.
- ❖ If you are able to have such a "permanent" structure in your program, try to give every child a role in decorating the house. Fabrics, rugs, pictures, and play food help make the house more cozy and help the children think of it as theirs.