**THE DAY JIMMY’S BOA ATE THE WASH**

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Themes: Animals, Humor, Class Trips

Grade Level: K - 4

Running Time: 8 minutes

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**SUMMARY**

*THE DAY JIMMY’S BOA ATE THE WASH* is about a young girl who retells the story of her class trip to a farm to her mother. As the mother questions her daughter about the trip, the daughter conveys the interesting series of events that took place. Without the teacher’s knowledge, Jimmy brings his pet boa constrictor along on the class trip. The series of events get sillier and sillier, until finally Jimmy and his classmates are forced to leave the farm without the boa constrictor. However, all is not lost, for Jimmy has gained a pet pig!

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**OBJECTIVES**

- Children will appreciate humor in storytelling.
- Children will explore sequences of events.
- Children will learn about farm animals.

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**BEFORE VIEWING ACTIVITIES**

Share the book *THE DAY JIMMY’S BOA ATE THE WASH* with children. Then ask: Would you like to have gone on this class trip? Why? Why not?

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**AFTER VIEWING ACTIVITIES**

Have children draw pictures of what they consider to be the silliest event of the story. Later, discuss the illustrations, asking children to describe the reasons for their choices.

Discuss the music. Ask:
- How did it describe the different moods of the story?
- How would you have changed the music?

Supply long lengths of yarn that children can use to represent boa constrictors. Have children glue the yarn onto pieces of cardboard. Then have children create simple stories about their boa constrictors. Display the stories, along with the ‘boa constrictors’ in the classroom.

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