

Three Amigo Crows

A Cosmos Grow Adventure



The Three Amigo Crows: (Dealing with Adversity)

“Being different” in this story is a good thing. As you teach your child how to deal effectively with life problems, they will recognize that being “different” from their peers may allow them to be happier and more successful.

Three Amigo Crows Lesson Plan

A. Main Focus:

This story covers a recurring theme ... what you think (self-talk) determine how you feel (emotions) and how you behave. Unlike “traditional wisdom” you have the ability to choose how you feel and behave if you choose “Good Thinking”

B. The Main Concepts:

This story involves three young crows, Carl, Cal and Connie, plus our narrator Cosmos. Most children will recognize themselves and friends in the characters Carl and Cal and a few as Connie. The purpose of the story is to help the Carls and Cals recognize that those that are like Connie will be happier and more successful in school and life.

The story allows us to see the three typical ways we respond to difficult and frustrating situations. Some get angry, some get sad and some accept reality. Children are not too young to recognize that Carl and Cal have overreacted to a frustrating situation. Because they allowed their “Stinky Thinking” to take over, they had “Not Ok” emotions and “Thumbs Down” behaviors, resulting in “no cherries” for them.

C. Teach the Defining Terms to The Students

D. Listen to the Flip Book Story

E. Sample Dialogue with Students after Listening to the Story

Which of the three Amigo crows are you?

Are you a Carl Crow and get angry when things do not go your way? Do you fuss and pout or yell and kick? That is Stinky Thinking.

Are you a Cal Crow and cry and whine when things do not go your way? Do you think that others should make sure that you are happy? That is Stinky Thinking.

Are you a Connie Crow and accept things the way that they are even when it is not the way that you wanted? Do you understand that sometimes good things

happen and sometimes bad things happen? When you choose to deal with life as it is, then you are having Good Thinking.

What did Connie's good thinking help her to do? It helped her to come up with a good plan in order to still get some of the good cherries to eat.

Why did Carl not get any cherries? Because he allowed his Stinky thinking to get him so angry that he fussed and fought with the others and left without any cherries to eat.

Why did Cal not get any cherries? Because he allowed his Stinky Thinking to make him so sad, that he whined and pouted and left without any cherries to eat.

In the beginning of the story, the three Amigo Crows kept calling it "our cherry tree" was the tree theirs? No, the tree was open to all of the Crows. The Three Amigo Crows just wanted the tree to be all to themselves but it did not belong to them.

When Carl and Cal said that it was not fair that the other crows were eating the cherries, do you agree with them that it was not fair? No, the other crows were not trying to be mean or unfair at all. They just left earlier and were able to arrive at the tree first. The Three Amigo Crows did not leave early and waited until later in the day to go get the cherries.

The story is trying to help us to understand that bad things are going to happen sometimes and that things are not always going to go the way that we want. That when this happens, we have a choice to use our Stinky Thinking or our Good Thinking to handle that situation.

When we use our Stinky Thinking bad things usually happen, but when we use our Good Thinking, good things happen like being able to eat some of those yummu cherries.