

SDG 1: Ending Poverty

Lower Elementary

Description:

The lesson aims to help elementary school children understand the concepts of needs and wants, expanding their perspective beyond their own experiences. Initially, students explore the needs and wants of household members. The lesson is intended to show that children around the world, including in the United States, have different needs and wants. The lesson emphasizes that basic needs like food and water are universal for all children, but wants vary depending on how these needs are met. Overall, the lesson promotes empathy, global awareness, and critical thinking about disparities in needs and wants among children worldwide, while also highlighting the complexities of ensuring fundamental rights universally.

Lesson Plan:

<https://hreusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/lesson-1-do-all-children-have-sweet-dreams.pdf>

Sample Discussion Questions:

- Describe each room individually
 - What do you think the needs and wants are of the first boy? The second boy?
- Do you think the first boy is having his needs met? What about his wants?
 - What about the second boy?
- Clean water, nutritious food, and a safe place to live
 - Why do you think these are considered needs?

