



The Giant's Job

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Synopsis

In his search for the right job, the giant explores various modern day possibilities only to find that his giant-sized responses create problems. The solution takes the giant to a space station.

Before the First Page

Have the students make a quick list of jobs that would be perfect for a giant. If time permits, list jobs that would not work for a giant. Reinforce the language of the book (**big, huge, giant-sized**) as the students share their lists.

Set-Up for Success

For a detailed introduction, as students survey the pictures, use specific vocabulary or phrases from the book. Example: "**Off went the giant...**"

Independent Reading – Students may need support with **giant-sized**, page 4; **huge**, page 6; **space station**, page 10.

Guided Reading – Review the suggestions for *Independent Reading*. Include support for **loud**, page 6; **reporter**, page 8.

Learning about Print

- Punctuation marks – period, comma, quotation mark, exclamation point, apostrophe used in contractions.
- Environmental print – sign in the bakery, page 2.

Learning about Words

The vocabulary in this book provides opportunities to introduce, practice or enrich the following:

- Soft sound of **g** – **giant**.
- Word ending **ed** – **walked, tried, fixed**.
- Contractions – **I'll, that's**.
- Blends – **bread, station, tried, blast, space**.
- Silent letters – **right**.
- Word segments – **lifted, reporter**.
- Compound words – **everyone, something**.

Key Words and Phrases

"Oh my, that's not right," said the giant.
"I'll try something else."

Assessment Opportunities

The following problem-solving behaviors can be observed and recorded:

- Using self-monitoring strategies.
- Using word segments to solve unfamiliar words.
- Reading high frequency words easily.
- Reading in meaningful phrases.
- Increasing fluency as meaning is constructed.
- Reading the punctuation.
- Retelling the story using some of the story language.

After the Last Page

- Brainstorm other jobs that are appropriate for giants. Example: painting the ceiling.
- Create a puppet show about giants.
- Write want ads for a giant.

- Create and label a map of the giant's adventure.
- Rewrite the book as *The Elf's Job*.
- Write your name in giant letters with chalk.
- Make a list of descriptive words for a giant.
- * Make big books fit for giants. Donate the big books to younger readers.
- Create a menu for a giant.
- Make a museum labeling common objects for a giant's use, i.e., a whisk broom as a giant's toothbrush.
- Act out different parts of the story.
- Make a chart to compare giant characters from several books. Example: physical characteristics, personality, jobs and dwellings.

Throughout the Day

Math

- Measure the growth of plants or students. Compare measurements on a weekly or monthly basis.
- Count the number of giant steps it takes to go from your classroom to the playground, library or office. Compare the results with other students.
- * Practice counting backwards.

Problem-Solving

- How could the giant live in our world? What adjustments would he need to make?

Social Studies

- Host a career day. Invite a parent, grandparent or neighbor to share about his/her job.

Science

- Draw a picture from the perspective of an insect.
- Use a magnifying glass to make objects look bigger.
- Plant sunflower seeds.



The Home Connection

- Interview parents to find out how they selected their jobs.
- Choose a “giant job” for the family to accomplish. Each member does his/her part.
- Take your child to work for a day.
- Make a schedule of chores for family members.

* Show What You Know – a document to keep

Activities marked with an asterisk (*) are appropriate for assessment.

Read on...

Briggs, Raymond. *Jim and the Beanstalk*.

Colville, Bruce and K. Colville. *The Foolish Giant*.

DePaola, Tomie. *Fin M'Coul: The Giant of Knockmany Hill*.

DePaola, Tomie. *The Mysterious Giant of Barletta: An Italian Folktale*.

Galdone, Paul. *Jack and the Beanstalk*.

Kellogg, Steven. *Paul Bunyan: A Tall Tale*.

Lobel, Arnold. *Giant John*.

Lord, John Vernon. *The Giant Jam Sandwich*.

Seeger, Pete. *Abiyoyo*.

Yolen, Jane. *The Giant's Farm*.