

# Native American Fishing Lesson Plan



## Summary

**Content Area** ELA/Art

**Grade Level** Pre-K/4K/5K

**Topic / Unit of Study** Native American fishing.

**Objective** Students will be able to:

- Understand that some Native American tribes used fish for food.
- Recognize that Native American cultures hunted and ate fish while respecting the environment.
- Understand the importance of preserving nature even while using natural resources.

**Duration** 30 Minutes

## Implementation

- Materials**
- [Gone Fishin' Cabin](#)\*
  - Small bags
  - Paper and other art supplies
  - Glue
  - Items gathered from nature (leaves, twigs, seeds, etc)

### Instruction

1. Gather children around the playground Gone Fishin' Cabin.
2. Assess prior knowledge by asking students if they have ever been fishing. Ask students to share what they know about where fish live and how people use fish for food.
3. Explain that many Native American tribes used fish for food. Discuss how Native Americans hunted for fish using spears or nets.
4. Allow students to take turns sitting inside the Gone Fishin' Cabin. Discuss what natural resources we use for food, shelter, and other purposes. Explain how natural resources can be gathered and used without harming the environment and why preserving the environment is important.
5. Give each student a small bag. Guide students in exploring the surrounding area to gather twigs, fallen leaves, seeds, and berries.
6. Return to the classroom or utilize outdoor tables if available. Give each student a piece of paper and access to glue and other art supplies.
7. Allow students to create a picture using the items they gathered.

\*If Gone Fishin' Cabin is not available, gather children outside to observe the surrounding landscape or use photographs.

## Assessment

1. Students will recognize that many Native American tribes hunted fish for food.
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to follow directions while collecting natural items from the ground.
3. Students will verbalize understanding that it is important to preserve our environment when using natural resources.