

Chittens in Trouble

Teaching Guide

Synopsis

All the rubbish trucks have mysteriously disappeared, leaving the city to drown under a sea of garbage. Milly and the chittens are forced to call in reinforcements. At first, Mama Griffin and her rubbish-munching flock are hailed as heroes. But what goes in must come out and an overload of super-fertilizing griffin poo quickly turns the city into a jungle. Everyone is mad and guess who is getting the blame? Now Milly must save the city, out-sing a visiting mega-star and fight off a band of sneaky chitten thieves. It's a good thing that she has a couple of secret weapons – a stash of gold and a fluffy pink bunny.

Chittens in Trouble is a fun, action-packed story for 7 to 10 year olds.

Themes

Mythological creatures, personal responsibility, shyness, challenging yourself, family relationships, the environment, recycling, music, finding your own talents.

Questions

1. A chitten is a baby griffin (half-chick, half-kitten).

A baby horse is called a _____?

A baby dog is called a _____?

A baby sheep is called a _____?

2. What is recycling? Why is it important?

3. How does your school recycle?

4. What would happen if the griffins ate all the rubbish and didn't recycle?

5. Why did Mr. Brick want to kidnap the chittens?

6. What is a manticore?

7. How does the fluffy pink bunny help Milly beat the kidnappers?

Extra for Experts

1. What is a baby eagle called? A baby shark?

2. In *Chittens in Trouble*, Milly makes up a song about the chittens.

Make up your own silly song or poem about your pet.

Activities

Find these words in the word search:

M	R	N	D	C	I	S	V	O	N	CHITTEN
I	U	P	A	O	G	T	P	E	N	SPOT
L	B	V	T	H	H	G	T	O	D	GOLDIE
L	B	U	T	G	N	T	B	A	T	FLUFFY
Y	I	E	G	R	I	F	F	I	N	MILLY
G	S	L	X	H	Y	Z	I	Q	A	RUBBISH
V	H	T	C	N	N	H	E	G	F	GRIFFIN
X	C	Z	N	F	L	U	F	F	Y	BUNNY
O	T	U	M	G	O	L	D	I	E	
Z	B	V	U	J	N	U	T	J	G	

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