Lesson Plan

Slumberkins: Unicorn

Story Summary
Unicorn isn't sure where she fits in. Is she a horse? A deer? A donkey, perhaps? She thinks that blending in with a crowd will make her happy, but quickly realizes that being authentic is more important than being the same. In this one-of-a-kind story, little ones will discover that being true to themselves is one of the best, and bravest, things they can do.

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Lesson Focus
Unique: Unicorn realizes that she likes her differences and embraces how unique she is. Everyone is unique, these differences can bring us closer together and teach us to see how special we all are.

Activity Ideas

Venn Diagram
You/Unicorn

Write a pledge
Follow the example towards the end of the book.

You
Draw a picture of the you, you want to be and then write a story.

Additional activities can be found in the following pages of this document.
Unicorn isn’t sure where she fits in. She thinks that blending in with a crowd will make her happy, but quickly realizes that being unique and true to herself is more important than being the same, just to be accepted.

What is *Unicorn* about?

_______________________________________________________________________________________________

_______________________________________________________________________________________________

Tell about a time when you have felt different?

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Describe a place you are comfortable to be true to yourself.

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Have you ever done anything to be part of a group? What did you do? How did it make you feel?

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What do you think it means to be unique?

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Discuss the story and write your answers together.
Do you know someone who is different from you? In what ways are they different?

What does being a perfect example mean?

What would the world be like if we were all perfect?

Why is Unicorn happy the zebras called her over?

Why did the zebras want to cover Unicorn’s horn and add a nose ring?

Do you think Unicorn will be happy? Why or why not?

Why is it brave for Unicorn to leave the zoo?

Explain what the pledge means in your own words.

After viewing the Book:

1. What would you do if people wanted you to be more like them or they wouldn’t be your friends?
2. Are you more like a unicorn or a zebra? Explain.
3. How are you brave?
4. In what ways are you unique?
Unicorn learn that her differences made her special. She no longer wanted to be anyone else but herself. Draw yourself next to Unicorn and her friends, color, and finish the sentence.

One thing I like about myself is ________________________________.
I Am Unique

Draw yourself in the outline and then write two ways that you are unique in the thought bubble.

1.

2.
You Are A Unicorn

Too Collage

Unicorn shared this poem with her friends:

I am true to myself.
I let my light shine.
I can be who I am.
That’s for me to define.

Instructions:

Find pictures in magazines that help define you. Cut them out and glue them on this sheet of paper. Share the collage with your teacher/guardian and explain how each item helps to define you.

You may also draw things that help to define you if you cannot find them in a magazine.
Memory Game

Instructions:
1. Cut out all the animals
2. Mix them up and place them all face down
3. Turn over two cards at a time, trying to find matches
4. The person with the most matches wins