

LIFE SKILLS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

POEMS KIT



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Life Skills for Pre-Schoolers: Poems Kit©

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INTRODUCTION

The Poems Kit© is a component of the *Life Skills for Pre-Schoolers Education Program*.

The poems in the kit are composed to use with specific themes in the *Life Skills for Pre-Schoolers: Curriculum Guide for Teachers©* and the *Life Skills for Pre-Schoolers: Activity Guide for Educators*

The themes are:

- A. Children Are People
- B. Children Have Bodies
- C. Children Use Their Senses
- D. Children Have Feelings
- E. Children Have Physical Needs
- F. Children Have Families
- G. Children Live in Homes
- H. Children Have Friends
- I. Children Live In A Community
- J. Children Visit Places
- K. Children Can Travel
- L. Children Have Many Things in Their World

The poems are intended by the author to be used for language and literacy learning. They can be transcribed into languages in which early childhood education is taught.

The following ways are suggested for the use of the Poems Kit©:

- Poems are read to the children in relationship to a theme or topic.
- Children are encouraged to do actions to the poems.
- Children are encouraged to discuss the poems.
- Children are encouraged to do an individual or class drawing or painting about the poem.
- Poems for each theme are displayed when a specific them is being implemented as part of the learning program at a height suitable for the children to “read” during indoor activities time.
- Teachers and educators are encouraged to use the Poems Kit© to read the poems to children to encourage early language and literacy development.

<u>Title of Poem</u>	<u>Number</u>
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THEME A

CHILDREN ARE PEOPLE

People Are Human Beings
 I'm a Human Being
 Children Are People
 I'm A Special Person
 I Am A Child
 Do You Know?

A1
 A2
 A3
 A4
 A5
 A6

THEME B

CHILDREN HAVE BODIES

I Have a Body
 My Body is Mine
 Children, Children
 My Face
 A Pair of Hands and Feet
 Feet, Feet
 My Hands and Fingers

B1
 B2
 B3
 B4
 B5
 B6
 B7

THEME C

CHILDREN USE THEIR SENSES

My Sense of Sight
 My Sense of Smell
 My Sense of Hearing
 My Sense of Taste
 My Sense of Touch

C1
 C2
 C3
 C4
 C5

THEME D

CHILDREN HAVE FEELINGS

Sad
 Happy
 Mad
 My Feelings
 Scared

D1
 D2
 D3
 D4
 D5

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THEME E

CHILDREN HAVE PHYSICAL NEEDS

Sneezing	E1
My Teeth	E2
Food	E3
Clothes	E4
Shoes	E5
Exercise and Sleep	E6
Our Safety	E7
Stranger Danger	E8

THEME F

CHILDREN HAVE FAMILIES

Families	F1
My Family	F2
My Mummy	F3
Mums	F4
Dads	F5
Family Group	F6
Brothers and Sisters	F7

THEME G

CHILDREN LIVE IN HOMES

Homes	G1
Furniture	G2
Flats	G3
Caravan	G4
My House	G5
Different Homes	G6

THEME H

CHILDREN HAVE FRIENDS

Friends	H1
I Am A Friend	H2
We Can Be Friends	H3

<u>Title of Poem</u>	<u>Number</u>
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School Community	I3
When I Go To The Shops	I4
Neighbourhood	I5
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The Show	J3
The Circus	J4
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Planes	K3
Bicycles	K4
Feet For Travel	K5
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THEME A

CHILDREN ARE PEOPLE

Title of Poem

Number

People Are Human Beings

A1

I'm a Human Being

A2

Children Are People

A3

I'm A Special Person

A4

I Am A Child

A5

Do You Know?

A6





A1. People are Human Beings

People are human beings
Who live on Planet Earth.
They come into this world alone
On the day of their birth.

They are born as babies
Who grow up very fast.
And before they know it
Their childhood has gone past.

Grown up people are adults
Some are young and some are old.
Children are babies and toddlers
Who adults like to hold.

Human beings are people
So are you and me too.
We are not like animals
Who live in a zoo.





A2. I'm a Human Being

I'm a person not an animal.
I can do so many things.
I can think and talk and listen.
And I can also sing.

I can make all animal sounds.
I think I'm very smart.
A pig can only go oink, oink.
A dog can only bark.

I can quack just like a duck.
I am clever as can be.
A cat can go meow, meow.
But it cannot talk like me.

I'm a special human being
A person and a child.
An animal is not what I am
If I was, I could be wild.





A3. Children are People

Children are people too
Yes we are!
We live in towns and cities
Near and far!

Children are very clever
We can think!
Some of us are black or white,
Brown or pink!

Children are a gift to have
We give love!
Sometimes when we hurt inside
We will shove!

Children will grow up to be
Adults as well!
And how much they care for use
We can tell!





A4. I'm a Special Person

I'm a special person
Yes I am.

Here are my fingers
Here are my hands.

Here are my feet,
Here are my toes.
Here is my mouth
My ears and my nose.

Here is my hair
Here are my eyes.
Here are my arms
My legs and my thighs.

I have a body
Yes it's true.
I'm a special person
Just like you.





A5. I Am a Child

I am a child who has a name.
I am a child who can play a game.

I am a child who knows how to talk.
I am a child who can also walk.

I am a child who has a date of birth.
I am a child who can sometimes get hurt.

I am a child who likes to have fun.
I am a child who can jump and run.

I am a child who likes to play.
I am a child who wants Mummy to stay.

I am a child who can feel and see.
I am a child who wants to be me.





A6. Do You Know?

Do you know that children are clever?
Do you know that children can think?
Do you know that children are precious?
Even when sometimes they stink!

Do you know that children can draw?
Do you know that children can paint?
Do you know that children are creative?
Even though always good they ain't!

Do you know that children can feel?
Do you know that children can hurt?
Do you know that children need protection?
So adults need to be on the alert!

Do you know that children can play?
Do you know that children can love?
Do you know that children need affection?
Rather than being given a shove!

Do you know that children are a gift?
Do you know that children are sad?
When they are not loved and cared for
By their Mum and their Dad!



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EDUCATION PROGRAM

The *Poems Kit* contains 70 poems for themes of the *Life Skills for Pre-Schoolers Education Program*®. They are designed to be read and displayed by early childhood teachers to encourage concept and early language and literacy development in young children.

The *Poems Kit* is authored by Isabelle Adams, an experienced early childhood teacher and professional who has successfully used a life skills curriculum and learning approach in the classroom and as an education focus for teachers and early educators.

