

Transcription and Summary: Third Grade: Housing Block: Lesson One: With Waldorf Teacher Joy

Overview

This document is a transcription and summary of a Living Lessons Video for third-grade students, focusing on building primitive shelters. The lesson is led by Waldorf Teacher Joy and encourages hands-on learning through outdoor activities.

Key Points

Introduction

- The lesson begins with a warm welcome to students, referred to as "EarthSchoolers."
- Joy introduces the concept of building primitive shelters using natural materials found in the environment.

Shelter Building Activities

- Students are encouraged to explore their surroundings, such as parks or forests, to gather materials for building shelters.
- Ideas for miniature shelters for fairies or elves are suggested for those who may not have access to larger spaces.

Types of Shelters

1. Log Shelters:

- Constructed using logs placed in the ground, connected with vines or sticks, and filled with mud for stability.
- A thatched roof made from grass or other materials is recommended.

2. Teepees:

- Made by tying several sticks together at the top and spreading them apart to create a basic structure.
- Covering the teepee with cloth or vines is suggested for added protection.

3. Creative Structures:

- Students are encouraged to use their creativity to build various types of shelters, including those inspired by local indigenous cultures, such as Cherokee huts.

Practical Tips

- Joy shares her personal experiences and challenges faced while building shelters, such as ensuring stability and using available materials like bark and leaves for coverage.
- The importance of having a fire in the center of larger shelters for warmth and gathering is mentioned.

Conclusion

- Joy expresses her excitement about the shelter-building process and invites students to share their creations on a Facebook group.
- The lesson concludes with encouragement for students to find inspiration in the video footage and to share their experiences with friends and family.

Final Thoughts

The lesson emphasizes creativity, exploration, and hands-on learning, allowing students to connect with nature while developing practical skills in shelter building.

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00:00:00.250 --> 00:00:02.420
Welcome EarthSchoolers!

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00:00:02.810 --> 00:00:05.500
Today we're going to be looking at some

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00:00:05.510 --> 00:00:10.340
different ways that we can build a primitive shelter and I have some video

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footage from some shelters that I built and I built them in the woods and luckily

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00:00:16.530 --> 00:00:22.560
I had a lot of trees and branches and things like that nearby but I wanted to

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00:00:22.570 --> 00:00:24.840
encourage you to try to make something.

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00:00:25.310 --> 00:00:29.060
Perhaps you have access to a park or a

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forest where you can try this yourself and if not you can also go outside and

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00:00:35.110 --> 00:00:42.100
find some sticks and leaves and build like a miniature shelter for some fairies

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00:00:42.110 --> 00:00:42.900
or elves.

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00:00:43.650 --> 00:00:46.740
So let me show you on the board kind of

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00:00:46.750 --> 00:00:51.260
the different shelters that I worked on this week and I just want to say I had so

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00:00:51.270 --> 00:00:52.040
much fun.

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00:00:52.210 --> 00:00:54.280
I mean I want to build more shelters and

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00:00:54.290 --> 00:00:57.020
if I do I'll share what I've come up with.

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00:00:58.050 --> 00:01:00.660
Okay so the first shelter that you're

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00:01:00.670 --> 00:01:07.240
going to see, there was a rather large
log lying on the ground.

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00:01:07.610 --> 00:01:16.140
It's actually a hemlock tree and so what
I did first is, and you'll see all this,

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00:01:16.210 --> 00:01:19.740
but I cleared out the ground underneath
to make it kind of soft and then I

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00:01:19.750 --> 00:01:27.380
gathered a bunch of sticks and laid them
out at an angle so that there would be

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00:01:27.390 --> 00:01:30.220
space to come in on this side.

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00:01:30.370 --> 00:01:32.060
I mean this shelter would maybe for a

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00:01:32.070 --> 00:01:35.680
child if you'd feel so bold sleeping in a
shelter like this.

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00:01:35.770 --> 00:01:41.440

It wasn't really big enough for me and
then I kind of brought it in at the end

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00:01:41.450 --> 00:01:48.120
like that and so you'll see that video in
just a few minutes but the idea is to

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00:01:48.130 --> 00:01:56.060
fill in with some bigger sticks and give
yourself some space and then I used
bark.

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00:01:57.290 --> 00:02:02.580
This log had quite a bit of bark that I
was able to harvest so that was pretty

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00:02:02.590 --> 00:02:11.700
easy but if you don't have bark then you
can also use leaves, grass if you can

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00:02:11.710 --> 00:02:13.040
find it, whatever is available.

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00:02:13.230 --> 00:02:15.480
You want to try to provide as much of a

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00:02:15.490 --> 00:02:19.500
cover as you can for the top of your
shelter.

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00:02:20.930 --> 00:02:23.160
One of the tricky things that I found in

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00:02:23.170 --> 00:02:28.080

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building the shelter is if the span of your stick is very long things have a

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tendency to slide down so when you build it you know sometimes it helps to have

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some sticks that have branches in them halfway up so that it can help hold up

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00:02:37.430 --> 00:02:41.300

the bark or the leaves or whatever you you decide to use.

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00:02:41.450 --> 00:02:43.080

Okay, here's another option.

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You find a tree that has a notch or a

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00:02:48.550 --> 00:02:56.860

branch that you can take a you know pretty long small tree or stick and put

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00:02:56.870 --> 00:03:01.860

it in the notch of the branch and it goes down to the ground like that.

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00:03:01.950 --> 00:03:07.100

This is a way you can create a pretty big shelter and then from there you're going

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00:03:07.110 --> 00:03:14.920

to build with sticks on either side like that.

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So my son and I built one of these and I

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have some pictures of it you'll see and then we added more smaller sticks.

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You can use branches, anything you can use to kind of cover that up.

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You this shelter you come in from the backside kind of around the back like that.

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00:03:32.310 --> 00:03:38.060

I think maybe covered a little bit of the back but it was fairly open and then we

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00:03:38.070 --> 00:03:42.240

tried to we found as many leaves as we could but we also found some bark out

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00:03:42.250 --> 00:03:44.640

there so hopefully that makes sense.

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00:03:45.170 --> 00:03:47.680

And then the third kind of shelter you

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00:03:47.690 --> 00:03:50.260

can get creative with these and that's

what's fun about it.

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00:03:50.950 --> 00:03:58.780
We found a log that was down but kind of sticking up on one end so like the ground

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00:03:58.790 --> 00:04:09.970
was down here and then we put a long branch it's actually a small sapling tree

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00:04:09.980 --> 00:04:14.130
up against it and did the same kind of thing.

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00:04:17.590 --> 00:04:19.560
Filled in sticks on either side.

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00:04:19.650 --> 00:04:22.740
It's going to help you know when you actually watch the video footage but I

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00:04:22.750 --> 00:04:25.300
wanted to give you an idea of what we'd be doing.

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00:04:25.790 --> 00:04:31.260
So yeah my son and I built this one as well and you'll see some footage of us

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00:04:31.270 --> 00:04:31.860
building it.

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00:04:33.630 --> 00:04:37.520
Okay another thing to kind of look at and

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00:04:37.530 --> 00:04:43.140
explore during shelter building is the kind of shelters that the people in your

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00:04:43.150 --> 00:04:44.400
area lived in.

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00:04:45.130 --> 00:04:47.360
We were looking at the Cherokee creation

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00:04:47.370 --> 00:04:52.740
stories and the Cherokee people built huts that were a lot like you might see

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00:04:52.750 --> 00:04:59.540
in Scotland or areas where Norse people lived and it's a similar structure in

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00:04:59.550 --> 00:05:00.840
other places too.

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00:05:01.630 --> 00:05:03.320
And I'll see if I can draw one, find

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00:05:03.330 --> 00:05:04.840
space real quick to do that.

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00:05:05.250 --> 00:05:08.520
So those structures were built with logs.

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00:05:08.970 --> 00:05:11.200
See if I can try to draw a circle here.

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00:05:11.830 --> 00:05:14.300
So they would put the logs in the ground

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00:05:14.310 --> 00:05:27.290
and then from there kind of connect with vines or sticks.

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00:05:29.840 --> 00:05:36.080
Another log here and then kind of fill that in with mud.

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00:05:41.710 --> 00:05:44.760
All right now I'm going to draw a different version of that so let's say

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00:05:44.770 --> 00:05:47.940
this is the front and there'd be a door and everything.

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00:05:49.330 --> 00:05:55.780
So they'd have the logs, the filling with the mud, and then there would be a

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00:05:55.790 --> 00:05:56.760
thatched roof.

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00:05:58.010 --> 00:06:00.540
So there would be some kind, some type of

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00:06:00.550 --> 00:06:06.220
you know framework for the roof and then like a grass thatched roof.

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00:06:07.230 --> 00:06:09.060
I'd love to try this myself.

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00:06:14.230 --> 00:06:16.300
And then oftentimes it would be fairly

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00:06:16.310 --> 00:06:20.460
large and there would be a fire in the middle where the people could gather.

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00:06:24.380 --> 00:06:28.970
Another one to try while we're on the subject is a teepee.

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00:06:29.160 --> 00:06:36.410
So if you take several sticks and then tie them together at the top, maybe some

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00:06:36.420 --> 00:06:40.390
vines and then spread apart the pieces.

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00:06:41.500 --> 00:06:43.430
You can at least make a basic structure

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00:06:43.440 --> 00:06:48.930
of a teepee and then covering it with cloth is a little tricky but you could

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00:06:48.940 --> 00:06:50.010
try it with cloth.

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00:06:50.540 --> 00:06:52.210

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What I'd like to try in the future is

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taking some vines and filling in with vines and then seeing what I can come up

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00:07:00.220 --> 00:07:06.080

with to cover, you know, cover the sticks and the vines.

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00:07:06.250 --> 00:07:06.700

But we'll see.

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00:07:06.830 --> 00:07:08.580

If I do that I will share it with you all.

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00:07:08.890 --> 00:07:11.080

But I would love to see what you create.

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00:07:11.130 --> 00:07:12.740

If you want to share your pictures of

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00:07:12.750 --> 00:07:16.080

your shelters on the Facebook group, I would love to see it.

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00:07:16.850 --> 00:07:18.380

Alright and here's the footage.

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00:07:18.490 --> 00:07:19.580

I hope you enjoyed it.

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00:14:56.090 --> 00:14:59.260

I hope you all have found some inspiration in the footage that you saw

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00:14:59.270 --> 00:15:05.980

today and that you're able to make a small or large shelter yourself and share

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it with your friends, your family, and we'd love to see it too.

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Thanks and I'll see you in the next video.