

GOOD JUDGMENT – THIRD GRADE

Book and Lesson will be together in the media center. Materials are in the cabinet immediately to your left when you enter the media center.

Materials:

Book- *It Could Always Be Worse* by Margot Zemach

Activity:

Lead discussion with students: What does good judgment mean?

-making good choices

-thinking before you act

Examples- coming to school, taking care of our bodies, listening to the teacher, following directions

Display definition and read aloud

Introduce book, *It Could Always Be Worse* by Margot Zemach. Show the cover of the book. Ask students to make a prediction. What will this book be about?

Read *It Could Always Be Worse*, stopping periodically to discuss.

After reading the story, ask the class:

Why did the Rabbi keep having the man add animals in to his small hut? Because with all the noises added it made things worse, but then the family would appreciate what they have once they are gone.

Who was able to help the family in the end? The Rabbi

What do you think the Rabbi was thinking when he was telling the man to keep adding more animals? (accept student answers)

Questions:

Ask the class to give a thumbs up if they have ever had to make a hard decision.

Students can share times they showed good judgment and were able to think before they acted. (Sharing their toys, being polite to friends and grown-ups, coming to school, using good problem solving skills)