



LIGHTS OUT ON THE BUNNY BROTHERS

- Objectives:** Children will conserve energy
Children will be able to name natural resources
Children will be able to define “conservation”
Children will be able to list ways of conserving electricity and water
Children will choose to conserve energy and natural resources as a result of experiencing a dramatic theatre presentation using puppets.

“**Lights Out on the Bunny Brothers**” features rod puppets, a costumed actor, and a 14 foot tall puppet representing Mother Nature. The main characters, Sunny, Funny, and Honey Bunny are studying about conservation in school. But Sunny and Funny don’t learn their lesson until Honey tricks them into thinking they’ve wasted all the electricity and water in the world. The show ends with Sunny and Funny promising to do all they can to help save our electricity and water.

Suggested Pre-Show Discussion Topics

1. What are “natural resources?” Name some. (water, trees, gas, etc.)
2. What are “energy sources?” Name some. (sun, water, wind, etc.)
3. Tell children about the water shortage which occurred many years ago. Ask them how the water might have been used up or wasted.
4. How can people save or “conserve” water?
5. Tell children about the gasoline shortage which occurred several years ago. Ask them how people might have used or wasted gasoline.
6. How can people conserve gasoline?
7. Remind children that occasionally there are electrical power failures during storms. Discuss what it is like to be without electricity.
8. What would our lives be like without energy or natural resources?
9. Summarize the importance of conservation at home and in school.
10. Discuss the nature of puppets. What kind have you seen? How is a puppet used?
11. Discuss the nature of theatre production. How is a puppet play different from a live play? How is it the same?
12. Discuss the basic elements of a story.

Pre-Show Activities

1. Read a play or short story, having different students read each part aloud.
2. Read books about puppetry and puppet theatre.
3. Read books about conservation.