

Ms. Jindra's Kindergarten Class

Life in the Woods

Dramatis Personae

The Lumberjacks and their Robots

WALKER, a lumberjack
RICHARD, a lumberjack
SARAH, a lumberjack
BUZZSAW, a robot
WOODCHOP, a robot
SLASH, a robot

The Children

TEDDY
JOHN
DIAN
WALDEN
THOREAU
EMERSON
ROSIE
JANEY

The Cave People

MUIR
JEFFERSON
LEWIS
CLARK
SHOSHONE

Mr. Dinogone Googly, a great dragon

The Trees

Tree #1
Tree #2
Tree #3

Life in the Woods

Deep in a lush, tropical rainforest we hear the sounds of the jungle. We can hear the squawking of birds, the buzzing of insects, and the calls of all the animals. Suddenly the tranquility and peace of the rainforest is broken by the arrival of the LUMBERJACKS. With their buzzing chainsaws and tree-chopping robots they begin to bring down tree after tree.

BUZZSAW

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

WALKER

Keep chopping, boys!

WOODCHOP

Chop! Chop! Chop!

RICHARD

We can clear this whole forest!

SLASH

Whack! Whack! Whack!

SARAH

There won't be a tree left in the ground!

The lumberjacks and their robots stomp through the jungle cutting down every tree they see.

BUZZSAW

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

WOODCHOP

Chop! Chop! Chop!

SLASH

Whack! Whack! Whack!

WALKER

Chop those trees!

RICHARD

Clear this forest!

SARAH

I can see the ocean from here!



WALKER

Follow me! We can build a parking lot over there!

The lumberjacks stomp away, cutting down everything in their path. In another part of the forest, a group of children are playing amongst their beloved trees.

DIAN

That was the best game of hide and seek ever!

ROSIE

What should we play now?

THOREAU

There's so much we can do in the forest.

EMERSON

We can climb some trees.

WALDEN

I'm hungry. Let's pick some fruit!

JANEY

I'm sleepy. Let's take a nap in the shade.

TEDDY

This is the best place ever!

Suddenly, JOHN comes running up, sweaty and panicked.

JOHN

The trees are falling! The trees are falling!

TEDDY

Slow down, John. What do you mean?

JOHN

Someone's chopping down the trees!

Can't you hear them?

We can hear the sounds of the LUMBERJACKS and their robots: "Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!
Chop! Chop! Chop! Whack! Whack! Whack!"

DIAN

It sounds like they're coming closer!



THOREAU
What will we do?

The sounds of the Lumberjacks grow louder and louder and the trees near the children begin to fall.

EMERSON
Where can we go?

ROSIE
I'm scared!

As the trees begin to fall around them, the children huddle together quaking in fear. Suddenly, a group of CAVEPEOPLE come running to their aid.

MUIR
Come with us! We will take you someplace safe!

JANEY
Who are you?

MUIR
My name is Muir and my people live in the caves above this forest.

JEFFERSON
This land is our home.

LEWIS
We must protect our home.

CLARK
And everything in it.

TEDDY
Somebody is tearing down your home!

SHOSHONE
Yes, and it makes us very sad.

LEWIS
We must hurry!

MUIR
Follow us to our cave!



The children follow the cavepeople as they run through the forest, dodging falling branches. Then they climb a large mountain and finally arrive at the cave.

CLARK

You'll be safe here in our cave.

WALDEN

I'm hungry.

SHOSHONE

We have much to eat.

ROSIE

I'm thirsty.

MUIR

There is plenty of fresh water from the creek.

TEDDY

Thank you for saving us. But how can we save your trees?

MUIR

I have a plan.

Suddenly a big gust of wind blows through the cave and we hear a loud roar and something that sounds like the flapping of wings!

SHOSHONE

What is that?

The great dragon, MR. DINOGONE GOOGLY swoops into the cave!

MUIR

A dragon!

The cavepeople grab their spears and bows and arrows to defend themselves against the dragon.

DINOGONE

Release these children!

LEWIS

Back off, dragon!

The children run in between the cavepeople and the dragon.



DIAN
Wait! Wait!

JOHN
This dragon is our friend!

CAVEPEOPLE
What?

DINOGONE
Yes. My name is Mr. Dinogone Googly
and these children are my friends.

CAVEPEOPLE
Ah ha!

DINOGONE
I came because I thought you cavepeople
were going to harm my friends.

TEDDY
Oh no, Mr. Dinogone, they saved us.
And they are our friends, too.

DINOGONE
Well, any friends of yours are friends of mine.

DIAN
And you can help us save their home!

DINOGONE
I am at your service, new friends and old.

MUIR
Thank you, great dragon.
We have a magical, healing tape that we can wrap around the trees.

SHOSHONE
But first we need to stop the lumberjacks.

DINOGONE
Leave that to me!
Follow me everyone!



The mighty dragon swoops out of the cave with the children and cavepeople following quickly behind. Meanwhile, the lumberjacks and their robots continue to cut through the forest.

BUZZSAW
Buzz! Buzz! Buzz!

WOODCHOP
Chop! Chop! Chop!

SLASH
Whack! Whack! Whack!

WALKER
Mission accomplished!

SARAH
You betcha!

RICHARD
Well, we're not done yet.
Let's chop those three trees over there.

The lumberjacks move closer and closer towards the THREE TREES. The trees seem to be shaking with fear! Suddenly, Mr. Dinogone Googly swoops down before the lumberjacks. They drop their tools and huddle together for protection.

DINOGONE
Stop right there!

LUMBERJACKS and ROBOTS
A dragon!!! Aiyeeeeeeee!!!

DINOGONE
You will call me Mr. Dinogone Googly!
Now, friends!

The children and the cavepeople rush in and wrap their magical tape around the three trees.



DINOGONE

You will stop this at once and withdraw from here!

LUMBERJACKS

Yes, Mr. Dinogone Googly!

The healing powers of the magical tape bring the trees renewed health and energy.

TREE #1

Thank you for saving us.

TREE #2

You are all very brave.

TEDDY

You're welcome!

MUIR

You give us so much. It was the least we could do.

TREE #3

You are always welcome to our food, shelter, and our wood.

TREE #1

We only ask that you take only what you need.

TREE #2

And share our bounty with everyone.

SHOSHONE

Even the lumberjacks?

TREE #3

Yes, even the lumberjacks.

JOHN

What will we do with the trees that have already fallen?

DINOGONE

I know! Lumberjacks, take this wood
and use it to build a new playground.

LUMBERJACKS

Yes, Mr. Dinogone Googly!



DINOGONE

And then we will all celebrate together
with our new friends and old.