

Lesson Plan 1: Caring for Animals

Animals have feelings. They can feel pain, happiness and sadness, just like you. This is why we need to be kind to them as well as being kind to each other.

Herbie Helper tries to help animals wherever he can. Take a look at the scenarios below and decide whether you think Herbie did the right thing in each case.

Scenario 1:

A cat has fallen down a well. The well is dry and she is in no danger of drowning. Herbie, always alert to animal suffering, hears her cries and decides to help. He climbs down the well and finds that he's stuck too.

Did Herbie do the right thing?
What else could he have done?
What would you have done?

Scenario 2:

Herbie is cycling home from school when he sees a rabbit who has been hit by a car. She is still alive but has a broken back leg. Herbie watches out for traffic, picks up the rabbit gently and wraps her in his jumper. He places her in the basket of his bike and cycles quickly and carefully to the local vet.

Did Herbie do the right thing?
What else could he have done?
What would you have done?

Scenario 3:

It's pouring with rain and the thunder is deafening. Herbie races home after playing football, soaking wet and hungry. He sees a stray dog out in the street. The little dog is terrified of the thunder and is cowering in a doorway. Herbie's tummy is rumbling and he rushes past the dog to get his tea. Later, he feels bad about the dog and goes to look for him but he can't find him. He lies awake all night, worrying about the dog.

Did Herbie do the right thing?
What else could he have done?
What would you have done?

Scenario 4:

Herbie is out walking his dog, Buster. They are walking through a field of sheep when they see a ewe on her side with a nasty cut on her leg. The sheep is in pain and needs

help. Herbie goes to the farmhouse but finds no one in. He puts a note through the door to tell the farmer about the sheep.

Did Herbie do the right thing?
What else could he have done?
What would you have done?

Scenario 5:

Herbie is in town with his mates on a Saturday. He sees a younger child chasing a pigeon who has to keep running to get away. Herbie doesn't like to see any animal tormented and he politely asks the mother to tell the child to stop frightening the pigeon.

Did Herbie do the right thing?
What else could he have done?
What would you have done?