

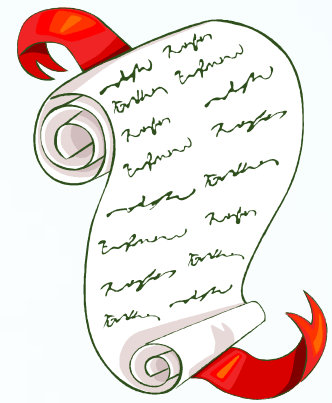
The Gimme Blues

Gratitude



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Wish List



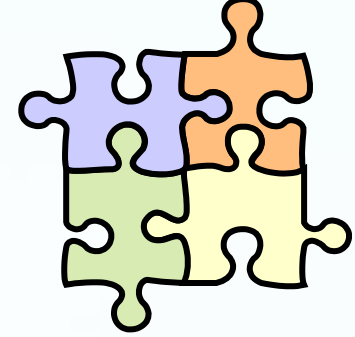
- On the blank paper provided, make a birthday, holiday or wish list of things you would like.
- You have about 3 minutes!

Let's Chat!



- Was that easy?
- What did you wish for?
- What might other kids around the world wish for?
- Do you sometimes want things you don't really need?

Connections



- Have any of you asked mom or dad to buy you something that you really wanted but maybe didn't need?
- Can you think of a time when you should have been more grateful for what you had?
- What does it mean to be grateful?

GRATEFUL

Soak in the Song!

- Let's just listen to the song, let is soak in!



The Gimme Blues

My momma takes me shopping

almost every day.
She buys me lots of pizza,
and games for me to play.

I really, really like it
when I get all these toys,
but you'd think I would of
learned by now how just to enjoy.

It's a kind of twisted feeling
that cuts to you to the bone.
Why am I so sad,
and why do I feel so all alone.

I got the Gimmes,
I got the Gimmes,

I got the Gimmes,
I got the Gimmes.

You'd think I'd be happy
that I have all this stuff
but I never, never, really know
when I've had quite enough

I got the Gimmes
I got the Gimmes

Mother earth is wonderful,
she gives us all her soul.
We use it to make tools and toys
that help us to control.
Plastic, metal, steel and string
create our modern world,
but we think she has an endless
stream of stuff to just unfurl.

When will learn to realize
we have this bad disease, and stop destroying
forests so we can see the trees

We got the Gimmes.
We got the Gimmes.
We got the Gimmes.
We got the Gimmes.

You'd think we'd be happy
that we have all this stuff,
but we never, never really know
when we've had quite enough,

We got the Gimmes.
We got the Gimmes.

Doctor, Doctor, Doctor.
help us, help us, please.
Do you have a cure for
our sad selfish disease.

He says we should
think grateful thoughts
for everyone we know
and learn to love with all our hearts
to make this new world grow.

Think of them before yourself
and listen to their needs.
Find the flower in your heart
that grows among the weeds,

and lose the gimmes,
and lose the gimmes,
and lose the gimmes,
and lose the gimmes.

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and listen to their needs,
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Digging Deeper



Listen For:

- Evidence of what Mother Nature gives us.
- Examples of how to get rid of the gimmes.
- Images of being grateful.

BEGIN EACH DAY WITH A



GRATEFUL HEART

CuriositiesByDickens.com

Think, Pair, Share



- What does it mean when the song says “You’d think we’d be happy with all of this stuff”?
- What are images of the gimmes? Why should people be more grateful?
- How can we get rid of the gimmes? What is the flower in our heart that grows among the weeds?
- How can we learn to be grateful?”

EXPANDING VOCABULARY

GRATITUDE:

being grateful for what
we have





Name _____

The Gimme Blues



If I had a case of "The Gimmes"
I would want _____

I could cure "The Gimmes"
by _____

I am MOST grateful for:

Wisdom Wall



“Gratitude helps you to grow and expand; gratitude brings joy and laughter into your life and into the lives of all those around you.”

Eileen Caddy

Radical Questions



- What does it mean to be grateful?
- What can you do in your life to be more grateful?
- How do we lose the gimme blues?
- How can the work be more grateful?

Paper Ponderings



Non-fiction

Write an ad for a product that helps people overcome the gimme blues?

Fiction

Write about a kid who has everything you ever dreamed of? He or she meets someone who is from a poor family? What will happen ?