

# ***PACE***

## Sample Lesson Plan

***Harry the Dirty Dog***

by Gene Zion

# SELF-DISCIPLINE



**DEFINITION: Self-Discipline:** (*noun*) correction or regulation of oneself for the sake of improvement; inner strength; control

**Adjective:** self-disciplined

**Synonyms:** self-control; restraint; composure; obedience; willpower; reserve

**Antonyms:** lack of control; rudeness; recklessness; carelessness; wildness



## September Book of the Month: *Harry the Dirty Dog* by Gene Zion Grades K-3

**I. Reading Comprehension:** Answer the following questions in the spaces below (or out loud):

1. Who are the main characters in this book?

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2. What does Harry do with the scrub brush?

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3. Where does Harry like to go to have fun?

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4. When does Harry get the dirtiest?

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5. Why does Harry run away from home?

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6. How does Harry feel when he gets home?

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**II. Opposites:**

*Harry is sometimes a white dog with black spots and a black dog with white spots.  
Write the opposite of the below words in the spaces provided (or say them):*

yes		up	
slow		happy	
big		over	
morning		hot	
long		good	
difficult		clean	

**III. Sequencing:**

Write "1" next to the 1<sup>st</sup> thing that happened in the book, then "2" for the 2<sup>nd</sup> thing, etc.

◆ Harry gets a bath.	
◆ Harry buries the scrub brush.	
◆ Harry gets dirty at the railroad.	
◆ Harry runs away from home.	
◆ Harry goes home.	

**IV. Summarizing:**

Write or tell a short summary of the book.

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**V. Discussion:**

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1. How does Harry feel about baths? How do you feel about baths?
2. What does Harry do to avoid getting a bath?
3. Is it okay to run away when you don't want to do something? Why or why not?
4. How do you think Harry feels when he is in town getting dirty?
5. How do you think Harry feels when the family doesn't recognize him?
6. Do you think it was worth all the "fun" Harry had in town? Why or why not?
7. How do you feel when you do something you're not supposed to do?
8. Is Harry obedient or wild in most of this book? Use examples.
9. How do you think Harry will behave in the future?

**VI. Activities:**

Complete one or both of the below activities:

1. Draw a picture of Harry before and after his bath. Write "before" and "after" under your pictures.
2. Choose one of the pictures from the book and copy it. Write a caption for your picture.

## ANSWER KEY

### I. Reading Comprehension

1. Mother, Father, Little Girl, Little Boy, Harry
2. He hides the scrub brush in the back yard.
3. He likes to go all over town.
4. He gets the dirtiest when he slides down a coal chute.
5. He runs away to avoid getting a bath.
6. He feels sad when he gets home because no one recognizes him.

### II. Opposites

yes	<b>no</b>	up	<b>down</b>
slow	<b>fast</b>	happy	<b>sad</b>
big	<b>small</b>	over	<b>under</b>
morning	<b>night</b>	hot	<b>cold</b>
long	<b>short</b>	good	<b>bad</b>
difficult	<b>easy</b>	clean	<b>dirty</b>

### III. Sequencing

◆ Harry gets a bath.	5
◆ Harry buries the scrub brush.	1
◆ Harry gets dirty at the railroad.	3
◆ Harry runs away from home.	2
◆ Harry goes home.	4

### IV. Summarize (Answers will vary)

Harry's family wants to give him a bath but Harry dislikes baths. So, Harry takes the scrub brush that they use in the bathtub and buries it in the backyard. Then he runs away from home so he doesn't have to take a bath. Harry spends the day in the town getting very dirty. When he gets hungry, he decides to return to his house. However, he is so dirty that the family doesn't recognize him. He does tricks and dances but they still don't recognize him. Finally, he digs up the scrub brush and runs inside the house and up to the bathroom. When the family cleans the dog, they realize that it's Harry.

### V. *Harry the Dirty Dog* & Self-Discipline

1. Harry dislikes baths. Answers will vary.
2. Harry hides the scrub brush and runs away.
3. No, it is never good to run away from your problems.
4. Answers will vary.
5. Harry feels sad.
6. Answers will vary.
7. Answers will vary.
8. He is wild throughout most of the book.
9. Answers will vary. (Harry will most likely be better behaved.)