

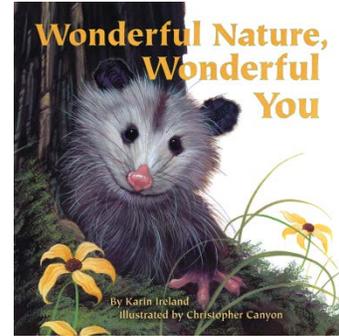
## Trail of Footprints

### Introduction

In *Wonderful Nature, Wonderful You*, students are introduced to the lessons they can learn from nature, especially how animals behave. In this lesson, they identify what kinds of footprints.

### Materials

- The book *Wonderful Nature, Wonderful You*
- Sheet of white paper and pencil—one per student
- Assorted colored markers—several per student
- Scissors—one per student



### Procedure

1. Read aloud *Wonderful Nature, Wonderful You*. Pause to discuss the lessons that we can learn from nature.
2. The final illustration shows footprints in the sand. After reading the entire page, refer to the second paragraph and ask students to brainstorm a list of what they might do to leave “helpful footprints” at home. (Possible answers might include: make my bed, wash the dishes, take care of the dog, or take clothes out of the dryer.) Continue brainstorming about ways they might leave “kind footprints” at school. (Possible responses may include: ask someone to play at recess, smile at someone, say “thank you” to the teacher, give someone a compliment.) Continue brainstorming examples for other types of footprints they could leave at school, such as “respectful footprints,” “patient footprints,” or “peaceful footprints.” For more types of footprints to choose from, refer to the *Social-Emotional Skills for Living* listed below.
3. Using a sheet of paper, have students trace one of their feet on a piece of paper. Then ask them to choose four things from one of the brainstormed lists that they will do. Using colored markers, have them write their choices on the inside of their footprint and then cut out their footprint. Alternately, have them trace four footprints and write one example on each footprint. They may also include an illustration on one or more footprints.
4. When finished, tape all of the footprints in a “trail” along one of the walls of the classroom. Have students notice what examples were used most often.

#### **Social Emotional Skills**

A partial list includes: Sensitivity, Cooperation, Respect, Cheerfulness, Integrity, Concentration, Aspiration, Self-Control, Perseverance, Servicefulness, Orderliness, Dependability, Self-Reliance, Creativity, Practicality, Generosity, Introspection, Problem-Solving, Curiosity, Sensitivity, Cooperation, Respect, Cheerfulness, Integrity, Concentration, Aspiration, Self-Control, Perseverance, Servicefulness, Orderliness, Dependability, Self-Reliance, Creativity, Practicality, Generosity, Introspection, Problem-Solving, Curiosity