

TEACHER TIPS



Big Love Can Change the World

GRADES: PREK

A theme of *Clifford the Big Red Dog* is that big love can change the world. Invite children to complete the corresponding activity sheet.

TIP: Have pre-writers dictate their responses to you.

TRY THIS: Create a heart-shaped cover titled, "OUR CLASS HAS BIG LOVE!" Then, bind the pages together to make a collaborative book to share with families.

Mr. Bridwell's Animal Rescue Tent

GRADES: PREK

Clifford the Big Red Dog shows us that differences can be celebrated! Mr. Bridwell has lots of amazingly different and extremely lovable animals in his tent — including a bright red puppy! Invite children to use their imaginations to complete the activity sheet.

TIP: Have pre-writers dictate their responses to you.

We Can Be a Big Help!

GRADES: K-2

In *Clifford the Big Red Dog*, Emily Elizabeth helps her neighborhood by collecting cans. How can your students help their neighborhood? Invite children to complete the activity sheet.

TIP: Have emerging writers dictate their responses to you.

TRY THIS: Display finished work on a bulletin board titled, "WE CAN BE A BIG HELP!"

Let's Make Movie Magic!

GRADES: K-2

Clifford the Big Red Dog includes many incredible, eye-popping scenes! Invite children to play movie director by completing the activity sheet and creating a brand-new scene for the movie.

TIP: Have emerging writers dictate their responses to you.

See How I Shine!

GRADES: 3-5

A message of *Clifford the Big Red Dog* is that being different can provide the power for great change. Clifford is unique because he is big and red and super lovable. Invite your students to complete the stars to show how unique they are themselves.

TRY THIS: Display finished work on a bulletin-board titled, "SEE HOW WE SHINE!"

A Movie Review of

GRADES: 3-5

Now that students have seen *Clifford the Big Red Dog*, they're ready to write their own movie review. Invite kids to complete the activity sheet to write all about Clifford or another movie of their choice.

TRY THIS: Boost oral fluency by inviting students to read their reviews aloud to classmates.

