

Summary:

Frogs do a lot for our environment, but their homes and lives are in danger.

Science Topics:

- Life cycle
- Human impact on nature

Questions to Discuss:

- What are some ways the frogs could be helped? Go back through the book and think about solutions to each problem.
- In what ways do frogs help people?
- How do people impact frogs?

Related Activities:

- Draw a picture of the frog's life cycle. Remember to include the egg and tadpole stages.
- Visit a local park or nature preserve to observe frogs in their natural environment.
- Check out the workbooks at

gardenclub.org/kids-publications-and-activity-books

Keep Reading:

| PreK-K | 1-2 | 3+ |
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| Tadpole to Frog by Lisa M. Herrington Frog on a Log by Kes Gray Nature Stories: Little Frog by Katie Taylor and Wednesday Jones | From Tadpole to Frog by Kathleen Weidner- Zoehfeld What About Frogs? by L. Ben Michaels Frogs and Toads and Tadpoles, Too by Allan Fowler | National Geographic Kids Readers: Frogs! by Elizabeth Carney Frogs by Nic Bishop One Small Hop by Madelyn Rosenberg |

The Frightened Frog

Work with your local library: Donate books to the library and ask them to promote the book with a special display. When the book is checked out, provide a bag, the book, the activity sheet, and a giveaway item. The child can keep the activity sheet and giveaway item but return the book and bag to be checked out by another child.

Give a gift to your child/grandchild/neighbor: Book, Activity Sheet and Giveaway

Hold a neighborhood activity and ask the garden club to help. Use the opportunity to promote your garden club (most of us are always looking for new members) and use the books and activities as a prize for a fun child-friendly contest.

Pick a day to host an activity for children, grandchildren, and neighbors of garden club members. Get together to read the book and discuss the questions. Follow up with a group activity.

Consider starting a junior garden club with the children you've met.

Meet with a group of parents/children to discuss and work on a community project.

Make or purchase a bag for carrying the book, activity sheet and project.

<u>The Frightened Frog</u> sells for \$10 and is ordered on the National Garden Club web site. Give Away Ideas: colored pencils for drawing in a nature journal (include paper and instructions to make a journal)

Build a Frog House for your garden!

To make a frog home, look around your garden shed for a few small garden pots that you aren't using. Turn them on their sides and bury them just a bit. If you're using a broken pot, make sure that the broken part is buried and that there aren't any jagged edges that could cut the frog. You can paint the garden pot or cans with acrylic paints or use a hot glue gun and glue "jewels" or tiles to them. This is a great wintertime activity, and the shelters will be ready when the snow melts.

Visit a creek or a pond. Take a few minutes to listen and observe. What do you see, hear, and smell. Are there plants or animals. Did you see a frog or tadpoles? Insects? Make a small book to record your observations.

Nature Journaling. Sketch the plants and animals you see around the pond and see if you can identify them.

So, let's get started. These are just a few ideas, but you can challenge your club to come up with others. The focus is to reach children as well as their parents on the importance of saving our environment for the future and advancing the **GO GREEN - PLANT AMERICA** goals for a Greener, Cleaner and Healthier World!