Lesson Plan: "Healthy Habits for Happy Kids: Eat, Move, Sleep!"

Age Group: 5 years and up **Duration**: 30-45 minutes

Objective:

Students will learn about the importance of healthy eating, regular physical activity, and sufficient sleep. They will understand how these habits contribute to overall well-being and happiness.

Materials Needed:

- Video Tutorial by DiscoverlifeSkills.com: "Healthy Habits for Happy Kids"
- Chart paper or whiteboard
- Markers
- Healthy food pictures or cutouts (fruits, vegetables, nuts, yogurt)
- Activity sheets with exercise and sleep routines
- Pillow or blanket (for sleep activity)
- Music for a short dance session (optional)

Introduction (5-10 minutes):

1. Greeting & Discussion:

 Start with: "Today, we're going to learn how to keep our bodies and minds happy and healthy!"

2. Introduce the Three Key Habits:

 Explain that the three main things we'll focus on are eating healthy, moving our bodies, and getting enough sleep.

Main Activity (20-30 minutes):

- 1. Watch the Video (5-7 minutes):
 - Play the video tutorial "Healthy Habits for Happy Kids."
 - Encourage students to watch and listen to the tips on how to stay healthy.
- 2. Discussion and Activities (15-20 minutes):

• Eat Healthy:

- Discuss the importance of eating fruits, vegetables, and healthy snacks. Show pictures or cutouts of these foods.
- Activity: Create a "Healthy Plate" on a chart paper. Have students draw or place pictures of healthy foods they like.

Move and Play:

- Explain how exercise helps us stay fit and happy.
 Mention activities like running, jumping, dancing, and biking.
- Activity: Have a short dance session or a simple exercise routine with the students to get them moving.

• Sleep Well:

- Discuss how sleep helps our bodies rest and be strong. Talk about having a cozy bed and going to bed at the same time each night.
- Activity: Have a "Rest Time" where students lie down with a pillow or blanket for a few minutes and talk about their ideal bedtime routine.

3. Interactive Activity:

• Healthy Habits Chart:

 Draw a chart on the whiteboard or chart paper with three sections: Eat, Move, and Sleep. Have students contribute ideas or actions for each section.

• Healthy Habits Routine:

 Create a daily routine chart with pictures or simple drawings that include eating healthy foods, playing outside, and having a good night's sleep.

Conclusion (5-10 minutes):

1. Recap the Key Points:

 Review the importance of eating healthy, staying active, and getting enough sleep.

2. **Q&A**:

 Invite students to ask questions about the habits they learned. Answer in a way that is easy to understand.

3. Commitment to Healthy Habits:

 Encourage students to think of one healthy habit they will try to practice every day. Ask them to share their commitment with the class.

Extension Ideas:

- **Healthy Habits Journal**: Have students keep a simple journal or checklist of their healthy habits for a week.
- **Guest Speaker**: Invite a local nutritionist or fitness coach to talk to the students about healthy living.

This lesson helps students understand and practice essential healthy habits in a fun and interactive way, promoting longterm well-being and happiness.