

Preview

Penny from Heaven

Novel unit for Special Ed

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Suggestions for Use

- I made this unit to go along with the book, *Penny from Heaven* by Jennifer Holm.
- The thought is that you would be reading it aloud to your class at a rate of about 1 chapter per day.
- Be sure to give each student their own copy of the story board (pg. 8) to use while reading and discussing the story.
- Benefits of reading out loud, even to classes made up of severely affected students:
 - Teaches students to sit quietly even when there isn't something for them to do. This is such an important life skill. We all have to spend time sitting and listening to someone we are not that interested in at some point.
 - Parents will LOVE you. Not only will they be excited their child is being exposed to age appropriate material, but you are teaching them how to sit quietly, which will hopefully transfer to home as well.
 - Even with your lowest level learners, you will have 1 or 2 that will truly enjoy the story.
 - It can be a calming experience to sit and listen to the teacher read in a methodical way.

Suggestions for Use

- For students who need more structure, place the number of post-it notes in front of him/her that corresponds to the number of pages you intend to read. Remove a post-it as you finish each page. The visual will help lessen their anxiety.
- As you finish each chapter, there is an activity for your students to complete.
- Differentiation:
 - For any activity, you can quickly differentiate for your lower level learners by using a color coding technique.
 - If sorting, outline each sorting category a certain color and then outline the corresponding pictures the same color.
 - Becomes a matching task.
- I purposefully did not include an assessment in this unit, because I did not feel that would be the goal of reading a higher level novel over such an extended period of time. Instead, you should be focused on shaping and teaching the behavior of sitting.
- *I have started adding an option to use when you want students to have to choose between correct and incorrect answers in some of the activities. I am still including an errorless version as well. Hopefully, this will address even more learning levels in your class!*
- Starting with this novel unit, I will now have two separate files, one in color and one in black and white. I hope this will make it easier for printing and referencing. There will be some duplication, but the price will not increase.

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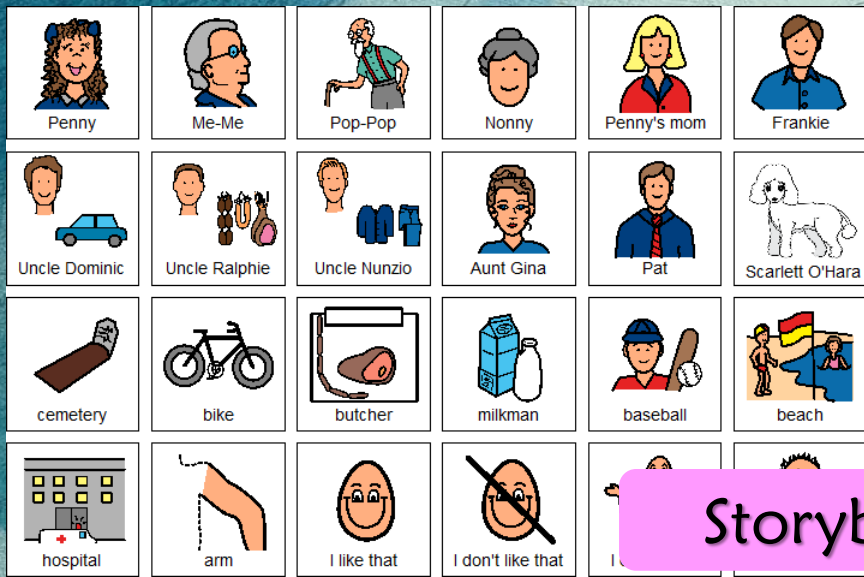
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2 separate files
One in color
One in BW



Penny may never be able to use her arm again. Some things are hard to do with just one arm, and some are not. Sort the following into those you think you would be easy to do with 1 arm and those that would be easier with 2 arms.



Sorting



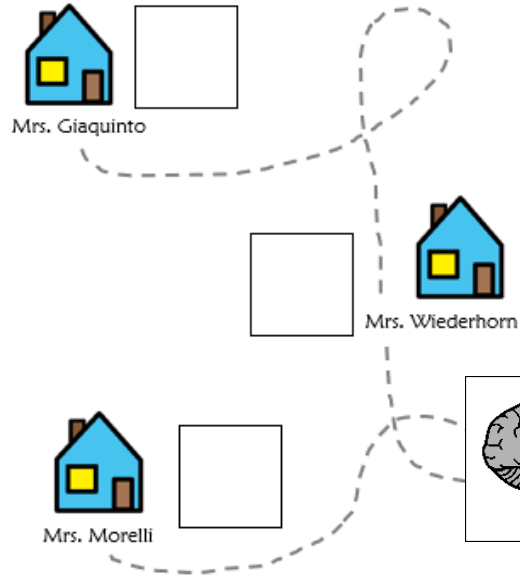
Circle maps

Errorless option

Penny and Uncle Dominic spent the day at the beach. What are some things you would likely find at the beach or shore?



Trace the path Frankie and Penny took to make their deliveries.



So much more!!



brains



chicken



pork roast

Penny is given a lucky bean by her Uncle Dominic. Some people believe certain things will bring them good or bad luck. Finding the matching picture to each superstition below.



If you break a mirror, you will have 7 years of bad luck.



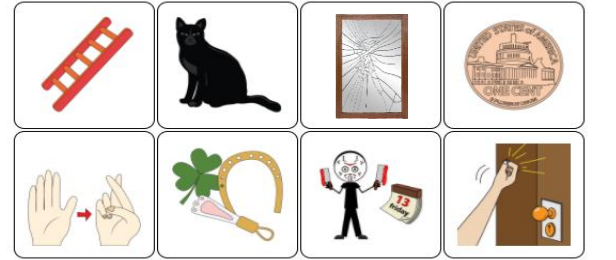
If you walk under a ladder, have bad luck.



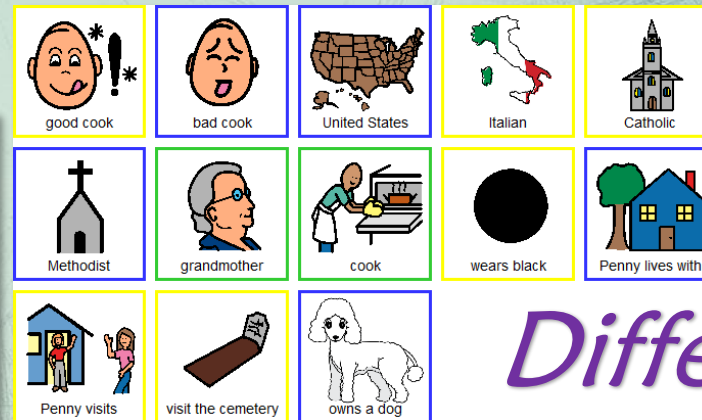
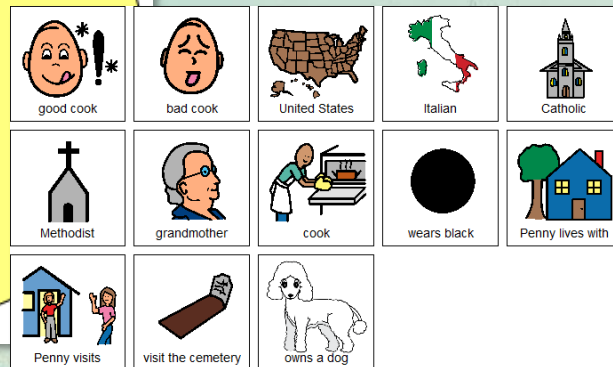
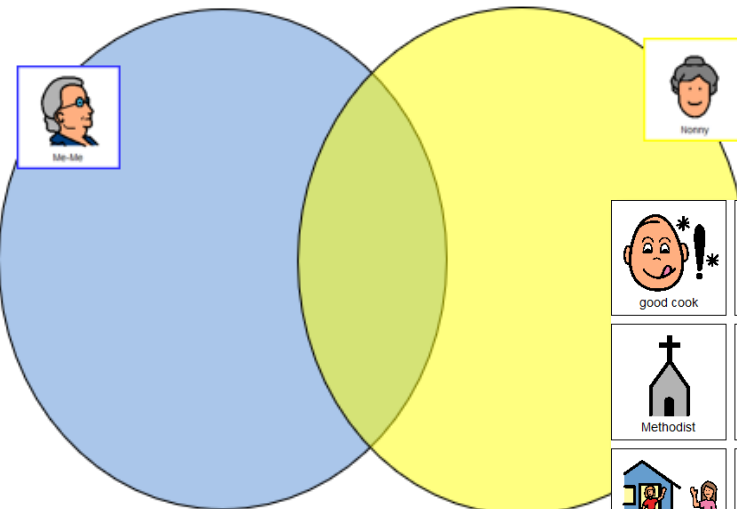
If you carry a rabbit's foot, it will bring you good luck.



Crossing your fingers will bring you good luck.



Penny has two grandmothers that are very different. Complete the Venn Diagram to show how Me-Me and Nonny are alike in some ways and different in others.



Differentiated

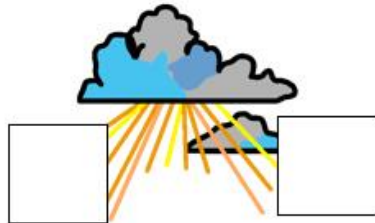
Frankie is trying to find the buried treasure hidden by his great grandfather. Follow these directions to find the best place he should dig. Draw an X where he should dig.

1. Go next to the tree without a flower
2. Go on the side of the tree behind the bench
3. Dig next to the tree



Do you believe in miracles?

What were the two miracles Penny talks about?



Do you believe in miracles?



My perfect day

I would spend my perfect day at the (my) .

The weather would be .

would come with me.

I would spend all day .

When it was over, I would .



Penny is very badly hurt when her arm gets caught. This was definitely an emergency. Read or listen to the teacher read the following. Color the box in **RED** if you think it is an emergency and someone should call 911.



What are some things you think you might find in Falucci's butcher shop? Glue your favorites in the shop below.

BUTCHER SHOP

