

In the Night Garden...™

Dear Preschool Educator,

Introduce your young students to the magical picture-book world of *In the Night Garden*—that special dream-like place in a child's imagination.

A new series from the creators of the Teletubbies, *In the Night Garden* airs weekdays on The Hub (check local listings or visit www.hubbub.com), offering preschoolers a quiet time to discover and explore, both at school and at home. Each episode takes young viewers on a storybook adventure through a happy world of lovable characters living within a caring community. The tone is deliberately literary with words, rhymes, and music and uses repetition and anticipation to build confidence, satisfaction, and enjoyment. Educationally, it follows a story structure designed to encourage children's developing skills, as well as providing the more recognized skills like counting and shape recognition.

This teaching kit is designed to help you make *In the Night Garden* part of your preschool/daycare program. Developed by the award-winning curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired, in cooperation with Ragdoll, the creators of *In the Night Garden*, and BBC Worldwide, the kit includes activities you can use alongside the series or on their own, as well as online resources to share with parents.

In addition, we invite you to visit www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html for an in-depth look at the show's characters and themes, as well as the developmental approach taken by its award-winning creators in addressing the needs of young children.

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Sincerely,



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Target Audience

Children ages 2-4 and their families.

Program Objectives

- To support social-emotional development through activities encouraging friendship, creativity, and independence.
- To promote literacy skills—including oral language development—through rhyme, repetition, song, and storytelling.
- To engage parents and children in learning activities together at home.

Program Components

- This teacher's guide and a teaching supplement available at www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html.
- Two reproducible activity sheets.
- Two downloadable at-home activity sheets available at www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html.
- An interactive wall poster.
- A reply card for your important comments.

About *In the Night Garden*

Children, parents, and educators in countries around the world have discovered the magic of *In the Night Garden*, a new series from the creators of the Teletubbies. With its U.S. premiere on The Hub this fall (check local listings or visit www.hubhub.com), the show is sure to bring its delightful magic to even more households. Inspired by the culture of traditional nursery rhymes and bedtime stories, the show features a strong literary theme, where use of words, rhyme, and music carry children through a world of lovable characters and inventive nursery rhyme fun. Children will delight in meeting Upsy Daisy, Igglepiggle, Makka Pakka and their friends in this world of pompom flowers, daisy fields, Tittiflers and Haahoos. Find out more at the special Teacher's Resource section for *In the Night Garden* at www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html.

How to use the Wall Poster

- Display the poster prominently. Help children find and identify the characters and their locations, then read the characters' rhymes.
- Use the Colors, Counting and Names directions featured on the poster. Feel free to have children find more colors or items to count.
- Have children dance and/or perform hand or body movements as they repeat the rhymes.
- Practice visual and vocabulary skills to locate different characters and places in the garden.
- Spark children's imaginations by posing scenarios to which children will respond either verbally or through illustration. For example: imagine meeting your favorite garden friend, playing in your favorite garden spot or riding in the Ninky Nonk.

Favorite Things

Activity One

Before beginning, be sure to visit www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html for a teaching supplement that provides information on all the characters, their homes, and special things. Then use the poster to help children identify and name the characters and their corresponding items. Distribute the activity sheets, and have children draw a line from each character to its corresponding item. Be sure to send the completed activity home with children.

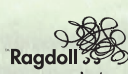
Activity Two

Sing-Along!

Visit www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html to listen to the songs together. Then distribute the activity sheets and have children follow along to sing the songs together. Encourage students to sing the rhymes. Send the completed activity home for children to share with parents.

Resources

www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html
www.inthenightgarden.com



Activity One

Favorite Things

Match the characters with their favorite things!



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You can find more learning activities based on this delightful series at www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html. And to learn more about *In the Night Garden*, please visit www.inthenightgarden.com.



Activity Two

Sing-Along!

Read and sing-along to these rhymes from *In the Night Garden*!



Igglepiggle

Yes—my name is Igglepiggle
Igglepiggle-wiggle-niggle-diggle!
Yes—my name is Igglepiggle
Igglepiggle-niggle-wiggle-woo!



Upsy Daisy

Upsy Daisy here I come,
I'm the only Upsy one!
I'm the only Daisy too
Ipsy Upsy Daisy Doo!



Tombliboos

Ombliboo Tombliboo
Knock on the door.
Ombliboo Tombliboo
Sit on the floor.
Ombliboo Tombliboo
Here is my nose-
Ombliboo Tombliboo
That's how it goes!



Makka Pakka

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Akka wakka
Mikka makka
moo!

Makka Pakka
Appa yakka
Ikka akka
ooo.

Hum dum
Agga pang
In gang ooo.

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moo!



Pontipines

The Pontipines are friends of mine,
Although they're only small
And even when there's ten of them,
They're hardly there at all!

① Pontipine, ② Pontipines, ③ Pontipines, ④ Pontipines,
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**At-Home
Activity
One**

Make Friends *In the Night Garden*

Play these finding games together with your child to meet some delightful characters who live *In the Night Garden*!



Find and Count

- How many carriages on the Ninky Nonk?
- Who is in front of the blue and yellow bridge?
- How many Haahoos are there?
- How many Tombliboos are there?
- What color are the Pontipines?

Find and Sing Along with

- Upsy Daisy
- Igglepiggle
- Makka Pakka
- The Tombliboos
- The Pontipines

Who.....

- Who is wearing pink shoes?
- Who is pushing the Og-pog?
- Who has a house beneath the tree?
- Who is flying in the sky?
- Who has a red blanket?



Visit the magical world of *In the Night Garden* on the Hub.
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At-Home Activity Two

Tell the Story

Use these story scenes with your child for quiet-time play. Talk with your child and discuss what they think could happen in each scene. Then ask them questions to spark new ideas and strengthen your child's vocabulary and storytelling skills.



Hide and Seek



The Pontipines and the Tombliboos



Playing with the ball



All aboard the Ninky Nonk

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Activity One

Teaching Supplement for *In the Night Garden*

Favorite Things

Use this information to help your students get to know all about the characters from *In the Night Garden*.



Igglepiggle – Blanket

Igglepiggle is an energetic well-loved teddy who loves to jump and bounce around. His favorite thing is his red blanket which he carries everywhere for comfort.



Makka Pakka – Og-pog

Makka Pakka lives in a little cave and enjoys washing and collecting stones. His favorite thing is his Og-pog which carries his soap and sponge for washing and his trumpet to announce his arrival.



Upsy Daisy – Megaphone

Upsy Daisy is a happy confident dolly who loves to sing and dance. One of her favorite things is her special megaphone which she uses to ensure all her friends can hear her.



Tombliboos – Drums

The Tombliboos, Unn (red & green), Ooo (brown & pink) and Eee (yellow & pink) live in a large bush in the garden. They love to play music with their favorite drums and piano.

Activity Two

Sing-Along!

The *In the Night Garden* characters and their special qualities deliberately reflect a young child's experiences. The rhymes and playful scenarios in which they are featured are designed to foster age-appropriate language play, literacy, numeracy, and musicality. You and your children can listen to the songs at www.ymiclassroom.com/inthenightgarden.html. The song lyrics are provided here.

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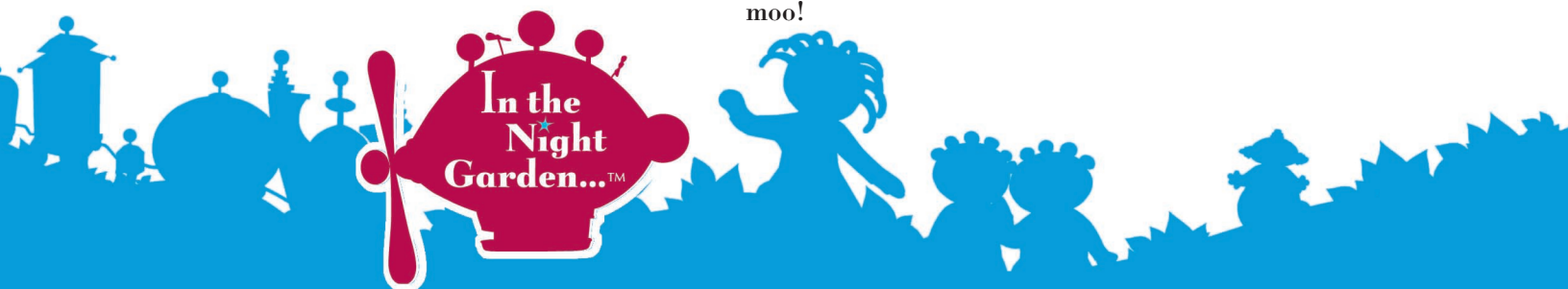
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in the garden!



Can you find...



A circle of stones?
A toy that flies?
Some daisies?
A stepping stone path?

Say a rhyme:

That's fun to whisper.
That makes you giggle.
That makes you want to clap.

Talk about...

Meeting your favorite garden friend.
Playing in your favorite garden spot.
Riding in the Ninky Nonk.

Wottingers



Pontipines

PinkyPonk



Upsy Daisy

Tombliboos

Makka Pakka

Haahoos

Igglepiggle

Ninky Nonk



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