

Learning Scenario

Make the best out of things

CIVIC EDUCATION

5-8 PARTICIPANTS

45-60 MINUTES

CIVIC EDUCATION LEARNERS

INFORMAL SETTING

OBJECTIVES:

- To raise awareness the necessity to build and maintain self-respect

PURPOSE

Motivation &
Awareness



LOCATION

a room

STORY

The Old Carpenter

MATERIAL

- Printed version of the story in brief
- Flip charts and markers

PREPARATION

- Focus on how you will tell the story.
- Identify what you think the moral of the story is in the context of Civic and/or Basic education

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DESCRIPTION

- Tell the story of the Old Carpenter
- Tell about reasons to promote motivation:
(The more you do your best in achieving things the more rewarding will be its result; if you do not make the best of it you will regret the output)
- Talk about this assumption. Is it true, true to some extent, or not true?
- Point out the dilemma and (regret versus perfectionism and its risks)
- Discuss how this relates to the motivation of the participants to learn new competences in civic and basis education, and to the motivation of their peers.
- Identify the use of talking about such dilemma before engaging in the learning process.

TIPS & TRICKS FOR THE TEACHERS

- Let the learners do most of the talking
- Summarize and structure their inputs

ALTERNATIVE IMPLEMENTATIONS / POSSIBLE ADAPTATIONS

Choose a less directive approach by allowing participants to speak up first before you do. Ask them to discuss the story after having read it. Then discuss its use and for what purpose and then ask some one to read it before a final plenary reflection is made by the and by you



The Old Carpenter



Unknown

Purpose(s)



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& Awareness

Once upon the time, a carpenter with years of experience, was ready to retire. He communicated his contractor about his plans to leave the house building business to live a more leisurely retired life with his wife and family. The contractor felt a little upset that his good and experienced carpenter was leaving the job, but he requested the carpenter to build just one more house for him.

The carpenter agreed with contractor but his heart was not in his work like it used to be. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials for building the last house of his career. It was an unfortunate way to end his career. When the carpenter completed the house and the employer came to inspect the house.



He looked around the house and just before he exited the house he handed the front-door key to the carpenter. “This is your house,” he said, “my gift to you.” This was a huge surprise to the carpenter. Although it was supposed to be a good surprise, he wasn’t feeling good as he felt a deep shame inside him. If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently. Now he had to live in the home that wasn’t built that well.

Moral: Like the carpenter, we build our lives in a distracted way, reacting rather than acting, willing to put up with less rather than the best. Give your best. Your attitudes and the choices you make today will be your life tomorrow, build it wisely!

Source/Link:

<https://alltimeshortstories.com/short-stories-about-life/>

