



LIFE ON THE NILE

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

EGYPT

SUDAN

NILE

"It's really hot how do people live here?"

RED SEA

"THIS IS OUR HOME!
PLEASE DON'T
THROW YOUR
TRASH IN OUR
HOME"

CONGO

RIVER

Life on the Nile River

Grades 3-4

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Children's views of conservation issues using fantasy as a means
to engage and inform others about global conservation
issues.

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Cast of Characters

- : Tour Boat Captains (1-3)
- : Tour Boat Guides (1-3)
- : Tour Boat Passengers (2-8)
- : Hippo (1-3)
- : Egyptian Cats (2-5)
- : Children Washing Clothes on
bank of Nile River (2-6)

(Tour boat upstage 1 diagonal, Egyptian cats stage right sitting in diagonal line, children washing clothes along the banks of the Nile upstage center)

(Tour boat captains put on their captain hats and begin)

TOUR BOAT CAPTAINS

Welcome to the Nile River. We hope you enjoy your cruise. Our guides will be telling us about the Nile River today.

TOUR BOAT GUIDES

The Nile river is in Egypt and it is the longest river in the world.

TOUR BOATPASSENGERS

How long is it?

TOUR BOAT GUIDES

It is over 4,000 miles long. Only 22% of the Nile River is in Egypt. The rest of the river runs through other countries in Africa.

TOUR BOAT PASSENGERS

(fanning themselves)

It is really hot here! How can people live here?

EGYPTIAN CATS

We live here because it is our home.

BOYS AND GIRLS WASHING CLOTHES

Communities have been living on the banks of the Nile since ancient times. The Nile River provides water for crops and a means of transportation.

TOUR BOAT PASSENGERS

We are very hot and we are going to have some cold sodas.

(passengers take out their sodas, drink them and then throw them into the water)

EGYPTIAN CATS & CHILDREN WASHING CLOTHES

Hey! This is our home. Please don't throw trash in our home!

CHILDREN WASHING CLOTHES

Water is one of our most precious natural resources. It is very important to protect our waterways all over the world so that we can make sure we have a healthy climate for the whole world.

EGYPTIAN CATS

Has anyone noticed that it is hotter than when we were baby cats?

CHILDREN WASHING CLOTHES

Yes, actually the world is hotter today. It is called global warming.

TOUR BOAT PASSENGERS

Global warming? What's that?

CHILDREN WASHING CLOTHES

The earth is getting warmer and it looks like the main cause is by things that people do that release too many gases into the air. Even a little extra warming may cause problems for human, plants, animals and all of our water resources.

TOUR BOAT PASSENGERS

We don't put any gas in the air!

EGYPTIAN CATS

Oh yes you do! Could all of you humans on the banks of the Nile tell the people in the boat how they release gases into the environment.

CHILDREN WASHING CLOTHES

(acting out each statement)

Do you play video games, watch TV, use a hair dryer, listen to music, and ride on boats that leak fumes into the air and oil into the Nile River?

TOUR BOAT PASSENGERS

Well,
yes.

CHILDREN WASHING CLOTHES

Well all of those things send green house gases into the air.

EGYPTIAN CATS

If it gets too hot there won't be enough water for us to drink or food to eat.

HIPPO (cont'd)

By the way could you please get your boat out of my home. I'm trying to cool off here.

TOUR BOAT PASSENGERS

(all look startled)

This is too weird with all these talking animals. Let's get out of here.

(Egyptian cats and clothes washers shake hands)

EGYPTIAN CATS

Nile dwellers that was good work! We all deserve a peaceful nap.

CHILDREN WASHING CLOTHES

Good idea. Let's dream about how we can tell the next boat full of people what they can do to help prevent global warming.

(all take a nap)

NOTE: As an option for ending the presentation is to have students state one message that they think is important to tell the audience about how they may help to prevent global warming.

This can be decided in a brainstorming session with the students to decide which they think is the most important for others to hear about preventing global warming.