



**Cooperation Community**

Grades 3-5

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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

- :                   Loggers Group 1 (2-4)
- :                   Loggers Group 2 (2-4)
- :                   Forest Dwellers Group 1 (2-4)
- :                   Forest Dwellers Group 2 (2-4)
- :                   Wise Rain Forest Warriors  
                    (2-4)
- :                   Medicine Women (2-4)
- :                   Announcer (2-4)

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*(Forest dwellers sitting around fire, medicine women picking leaves off tree, loggers frozen stage R downstage, all going on in background as announcer(s) enter stage L and take place center stage)*

**ANNOUNCER (S)**

Welcome to our program. We are the village of cooperation. Today our program will demonstrate the importance of cooperation and working together.

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 1**

I hear someone is coming to chop down trees in our home.

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 2**

What will we do? I am so worried.

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 1**

Our beautiful home will be destroyed.

*(rain forest warriors step center stage)*

**RAIN FOREST WARRIORS**

Don't worry. People will do the right thing when they see the beauty and importance of our rain forest.

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 2**

How can you be sure?

**RAIN FOREST WARRIORS**

Because they will have a chance to make a positive difference in the world.

*(All shrug and go back to their activities.  
Loggers enter and everyone looks at them)*

**LOGGERS GROUP 1**

How does anybody live here? It is so hot!

**LOGGERS GROUP 2**

We've been walking for hours.

**LOGGERS GROUP 1**

*(coughs)*

I was supposed to take my medicine an hour ago. What if we can't find our way back? I'm tired and thirsty.

**LOGGERS GROUP 2** (Looking at map.)

Well this is where the logging truck was supposed to meet us. I think we should just get to work and start chopping down the trees on this acre.

*(loggers mime chopping down trees)*

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 1**

*(both groups walk around the loggers and say in loud whispers)*

Those must be the loggers! They've come to chop down our home!

*(all raise fists)*

We must stop them!

**RAIN FOREST WARRIORS**

Wait! Force won't work. We have to talk to them.

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 1**

What if they don't listen. They have axes!

**WISE RAIN FOREST WARRIORS**

The axes are for their work. They aren't weapons. Maybe they just don't understand the importance of our home. They are tired, hungry, thirsty, and need medicine. We must help them.

*(Forest dwellers and warriors approach loggers. Loggers look frightened of the group.)*

**LOGGERS GROUP 1**

Who are you?

**LOGGERS GROUP 2**

Where did you come from?

**WISE RAIN FOREST WARRIORS**

We live here.

**LOGGERS GROUP 1**

How can you live here? There is no food, no electricity, no schools, no hospitals, it's impossible!

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 1**

No food!

*(forest dwellers all laugh)*

All the food we need is right above your head

*(points to trees)*

(MORE)

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 1** (cont'd)

and at your feet.

*(points to ground)*

There is fruit in the trees and vegetables in the ground.

**LOGGERS GROUP 2**

What about electricity?

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 2**

We have wood to make fires, the heat from the sun, and oil from the plants for our lamps.

**LOGGERS GROUP 1**

What do you do if you get sick?

**MEDICINE WOMEN**

All of the medicine we need comes from the plants.

Many of the medicines in the modern world are made from plants in this rain forest.

**LOGGERS GROUP 2**

How do you know which plants to use? How do you learn things? Where are your schools?

**WISE RAIN FOREST WARRIORS**

Our school is the rain forest. We learn everything we need from the forest and from information handed down from our elders. Please sit with us.

**MEDICINE WOMEN**

Please share our food and drink and enjoy our beautiful rain forest home.

*(motions loggers to join them around fire, loggers start to get comfortable, birds singing in background, forest dwellers offer them food and drink)*

We also have something to help your cough. We heard you say you needed your medicine.

*( medicine women offers leaves to logger who needed medicine)*

**LOGGERS GROUP 2**

Why are you being so nice to us? You don't even know us?

**WISE RAIN FOREST WARRIORS**

We do know that this rain forest and the rest of nature belongs to EVERYONE to enjoy.

**LOGGERS GROUP 1**

Everyone?

**WISE RAIN FOREST WARRIORS, FOREST DWELLERS**

Yes, everyone.

*(loggers look at each other and put down their axes, everyone freezes)*

**ANNOUNCER(S)**

It looks like our loggers learned a good lesson about the importance of cooperation. Can anyone in the audience think of how this story may have ended if the loggers didn't realize that the rain forest was for EVERYONE? Make sure you do your part to help everyone cooperate to make nature a beautiful place for EVERYONE.

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 1**

Animals!

**FOREST DWELLERS GROUP 2**

People who live in nature!

**LOGGERS GROUP 1**

People who live in cities!

**WHOLE CAST**

Everyone!