

Lineman Larry's Lineman Appreciation Lesson Plan (Optional)

Grade Level: Elementary (K-5)

Objective: Students will learn about the role of linemen, the importance of electricity, and how electric cooperatives serve their communities. They will also help us celebrate Lineman Appreciation!

Materials Needed:

- "A Lineman's Day with Lineman Larry" story (available free online at <https://www.rvec.coop/safety/littlemembers>)
 - Printable Lineman Larry templates (full-color or black-and-white versions)
 - Scissors, crayons, markers, or colored pencils
 - Worksheet: Lineman Larry's Lineman Appreciation Activity
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Rough Lesson Plan:

1. Read "**A Lineman's Day with Lineman Larry**" as a class using the virtual version available online.
 - Discuss the story and ask questions like:
 - What is an electric cooperative?
 - How do linemen help us?
 - Why is it important to stay safe around electricity?

2. Meet Lineman Larry

- Introduce Lineman Larry as the friendly lineman character who wants to learn about their school.
- Show the Lineman Larry templates and explain how students can decorate and personalize their own.

4. Lineman Larry's Adventure

- Pass out the **Lineman Larry's Lineman Appreciation Activity worksheet**
- Guide students through the sections
 - Our linemen love receiving letters from our little future members, so ask your class to write a short letter including things they learned or thank yous to the linemen. Every lineman will be able to see the letters they receive!

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- Next, if the kids have any questions for the linemen, have them ask. There's a chance a REAL linemen might answer it for them!
- **5. Next Steps**
- Encourage students to take Lineman Larry on more adventures outside class and document his journey with photos or videos.
- Let students know that each student in every classroom participating will receive a copy of "A Lineman's Day with Lineman Larry."
- If you decide to do the letters and questions portion of this plan (worksheet), please send them to:
 - Raccoon Valley Electric Cooperative
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 - Or scan and email them to jillh@rvec.coop