

# PREVENTION

## Lesson Plan: March of Dimes

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**Objective:** Students will be able to describe the March of Dimes as a program founded to help in the prevention of disabilities.

**Materials:** Fight Against Polio Worksheet  
March of Dimes Website  
Website pages

**Vocabulary:** polio (infantile paralysis)

### **New York State Learning Standards:**

SS Standard 1: History of the United States and New York  
Health Standard 1: Personal Health and Fitness  
ELA Standard 1: Language for Information and Understanding  
ELA Standard 4: Language for Social Interaction

### **Procedure:**

1. The teacher should view the Prevention section of the Medicine wing of the website for background information.
2. Selections from the website can be viewed by students online or copies of those pages can be printed for student use.
3. Discuss programs that have helped collect money for the prevention of disabilities.
4. Discuss the March of Dimes.
5. Ask students to discuss similar programs.
6. Have students view the website page about the March of Dimes
7. Have students complete the Fight Against Polio worksheet. Students are asked to use the internet to access the March of Dimes website for this activity.
8. Discuss responses as a class.

**Closure/Ticket out the door:** What would you say to people if you were collecting money for a similar project?



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### Fight Against Polio

Directions: Look at the “Fight Against Polio” section of the website.

Why do you think this initiative was called the March of Dimes?

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Why do you think the idea of sending a dime to the president was used in this program?

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Visit the March of Dimes website to learn about the current mission of that organization. ([www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com))

The purpose of the March of Dimes is \_\_\_\_\_

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Explore the March of Dimes website and list some of the ways people can become involved.

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