

LESSON: Dealing with Conflict Using Power Animals

GRADE: 1

OBJECTIVES:

Behavioral Sciences-

SS.K-2.BS.3 Understand interactions between self and the peer group.

- Understand that people often choose to do certain things their own way.

MATERIALS & RESOURCES:

- Books:
 - *When Sophie Gets Angry*, Bang
 - *Big Al*, Clements
 - *It's Mine!*, Lionni
 - *My Mouth is A Volcano*, Cook
 - *My Mouth is A Volcano Activity and Idea Book*
- Character Counts visual or poster
- *Power Animal* puppets (from lesson- *Power Animal Puppets*)
- Flip chart or chalkboard
- Marker or chalk

PRESENTATION:

Let the class know that today they will be learning about dealing with conflict. First we will read a few books about anger and conflict, then talk about the books, and then use the *Power Animal* puppets to think about different ways of dealing with conflict.

DIRECTIONS:

1. Read the books listed above to the class.
2. Provide time for kids to talk about the books and how the people or animals dealt with conflict.
3. Have students relate this to the Pillars of Character, (trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship)

4. Have students suggest ways to deal with conflicts as they arise, and write them on the flip chart. Have students explain how their power animal might resolve conflict. (For example: an elephant with its big ears could be a good listener; a giraffe with its long neck could look at the whole situation and think before he acts; a lion might have the courage to do the right thing, etc.)
5. Display pages from flip chart as a reference for dealing with conflict.

TIME:**90-120 min.****PROCESSING THROUGH THE SIX PILLARS:****WHAT:**

- What is our conflict?
- Whom will our actions/decisions affect? (stakeholders) How will it affect them?

SO WHAT:

- Even if you have to give up other things you want, what options do you have that will allow you to live up to the Six Pillars of Character? (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship)
- Can we use the Six Pillars of Character to help us in conflicts? (Filter your decision through the Six Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship))
- Is there a way to live up to one of the Six Pillars without violating another? If not, what choice would be the best for society (produce the greatest amount of good) in the long run?

NOW WHAT:

- What consequences are there for solving conflict in this way?
- Are you ready to take full responsibility for these consequences? If not, start over.