



Global Peace(s) Activity

This lesson plan uses the Global Peace(s) jigsaw puzzle to teach that we are all interconnected, and it invites students to participate in building community. Global Peace(s) can also inspire students to creatively explore what their vision of peace is and to share that with the classroom community.

Ages: 6-12+

Preparation Time: 15 minutes

Activity time: 1 hour-3 hours

Materials:

- * Global Peace(s) puzzle for each table
- * Paper tablecloth for students to write on for each table
- * Pens, colored pencils for each participant
- * Scissors and glue for each table
- * Large banner for students to glue their "visions" and words of peace onto.

Preparation of the environment: Set up enough round tables to have 4-6 children at each table. Cover each table with a paper tablecloth. Place one Global Peace(s) puzzle in the middle of the table. Provide enough pens and colored pencils for each participant. An option is to play quiet music in the background to help promote a peaceful atmosphere.

Activity: Have the children gather around each table. Invite them to put together the puzzle cooperatively and let them know it is not a contest. As they put together the puzzle, have them think about what peace means to them. Encourage them that when they have a picture in their mind about peace, to draw it. When they have a phrase, sentence, or word about peace, to write it. Allow them plenty of uninterrupted time to explore their ideas of peace.

When they are finished putting the puzzle together, have each child in the group share their thoughts and visions of peace with each other. Ask them what they think the significance of the middle piece is. Have them cut their drawings and phrases into unique shapes and create a mosaic of their work on the large banner.

Another teaching method is to set up Global Peace(s) in a prepared environment i.e., cultural arts, sensorial, language, etc. This could be one activity among many for the students to explore whenever they feel inspired. Global Peace(s) is also valuable in a secluded corner for students who need to contemplate.

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