

Children's Connection Curriculum

Session Topic: Social Skills / Interactions: Peer/Peer (Creative Coloring)

Developmental Level: Elementary

Purpose: For each person to contribute to a group project and for the group to work together as a team.

Materials Needed: Different colored markers, crayons or colored pencils, A large sheet of paper

Description of Session: Give each member of the group a different colored marker, crayon or pencil and inform them that this will be the only color they can use for this project. The group must now create a picture, using all of the colors. Each person may only use his/her color (no trading or sharing is allowed). For example, if the picture contains a tree the person with the brown marker will draw the tree trunk and the person with the green will then draw the leaves.

Variations:

- For smaller groups, each person may have more than one color.
- For younger children, it's a good idea to tell them what picture they should draw.
- Have the group color in a page from a coloring book, rather than creating their own picture.
- For added teamwork, ask the group to decide how to determine which color each person will use.

Discussion Questions:

1. Was this a difficult task for the group? Why or why not?
2. How did you work as a group to complete the picture?
3. Is everyone in the group happy with the picture that was created? Why or why not?
4. Is it easier to do things by yourself or with others?
5. Why is it important to be able to work with others as a member of a team?

Reference: 104 Activities that Build by Alanna Jones, p. 26-27