



Activity 2.1 Respect Grades 3-5

In this activity, the concept of Respect is explored. Students will make their own Talking Stick as a symbol of respect and as a tool to practice listening skills and respect.

You will need:

A computer or tablet to view the video [The Talking Stick, A Retelling of a Sioux Legend](#)

Empty paper towel rolls (1 per student) to build their own talking stick

Decoration for their talking stick (yarn, pony beads, stickers, old magazines, etc)

Glue

Crayons / Scissors

Activity: “Talking Stick” art & craft

1. Play the video [The Talking Stick, a retelling of a Sioux Legend](#)
2. Discussion: Ask your child: Why did the magpie and the crow not hear the eagle?
3. Ask: Can you ever think of a time when you were so busy arguing that you could not hear the other person? Tell your child that like the magpie and the crow, we all need to learn how to listen more attentively
4. Tell your child that now they get to create their own talking stick.
5. Take the empty paper towel roll
6. Have your child decorate the paper towel roll with beads, string, and cut up magazines or markers



Use the talking stick when you are having family discussions to encourage respect.

Additional Resources: With your family - Print the [Conversation Cards](#), cut into strips and place in a basket or bag. Take turns passing the talking stick. The person with the stick draws a conversation card, and everyone listens respectfully as they answer the question. Pass the stick and the cards to the next person.