

Rabbit and Bear Paws

Classroom Activities for Puppet Presentations

Lead up and Follow Up

“The following activities are designed for teachers to use with their students before and after the Rabbit and Bear Paws puppet presentations. The purpose of the pre-activities are to....

The purpose of the post-activities are to...”

Teachers can use simple materials already found in the classroom. Teachers may choose to read some of the *Rabbit and Bear Paws* titles before the puppet presentation. The following activities are divided into grade appropriate categories: Preschool-Grade 2, Grades 3-6, and Grades 7-9.

(What is the purpose of the pre-activities (to build background knowledge for students... to introduce students to the characters... etc.)

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Presentation 4: BULLYING: KANNENSAN THE SKELETON BULLY

Students will learn the importance of the Seven Grandfather teachings of Love, Respect, Honesty, Humility, Truth, Courage, and Wisdom; how they are used to model a healthy and good way to live, and how to treat others.

Materials: Paper, crayons, chart paper

Minds On Activity- Pose the question: What do the Seven Grandfather Teachings look like?

Examine the Seven Grandfathers.

Discuss what each one means.

Draw a picture representation of each teaching.

Preschool to Grade 2- Pick one of the Seven Grandfathers to discuss. Have students draw a picture of themselves or characters from *Rabbit and Bear Paws* being honest, brave, loving, etc.

Grade 3 to Grade 6- Have a class discussion about what each of the Seven Grandfathers means to them. Record your findings as a group on chart paper. In seven groups, have students draw a teaching in action (can be themselves, or the characters from *Rabbit and Bear Paws*)

Grade 7 to Grade 9- Have small group discussions about what each of the Seven Grandfathers means to them. Record what each teaching means to the group, and draw representations. Present the drawings to each other.

Materials: Paper, pencils, crayons, markers, poster size paper

Follow-Up Activity:

Preschool to Grade 2- Draw a picture of you and Kannensan. Write a letter to Kannensan using kind words, and invite him to be your friend.

Grade 3 to Grade 6- What Grandfather teachings can we use to help us avoid being bullied or being a bully? Draw Kannensan practicing one of the teachings.

Grade 7 to Grade 9- Create a character with three main qualities that allow him/her/it to stand up to a bully. Create 3 funny/kind ways to walk away/shut down bullying with your new character. Create a poster with one or all three of the methods/slogans. Share with Rabbit, Bear Paws, and Strawberry!