

Magnets Draw Others

BEHAVIORS

empathy, tormenting

PILLAR

Caring

MATERIALS

magnets, metal objects such as paper clips

OBJECTIVE

The children will learn to be helpful and caring.

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Procedure

1. "Caring for others is like using a magnet. Magnets attract metal objects. [Demonstrate with a magnet and metal objects.] Depending on their positions, magnets can attract each other or push each other away. [Demonstrate with two magnets.] We attract others when we are helpful and caring; we push others away when we are mean or not helpful."
2. "When people are nice to you, they are like a magnet drawing you to them. When they are mean, they and you are like repelling magnets."
3. "When we smile at others, what do they usually do? [Smile back.] Smiling is caring, and it spreads to others, drawing them like a magnet. Helping others also draws like a magnet."
4. Ask:
 - What are some ways others have helped you?
 - What are some ways you help others?

Hints

- Remind children that people like to be around others when they are pleasant and positive.
- "You can attract more flies with honey than with vinegar."