

Skill Area(s): Conversation Skills Perspective Taking
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Setting Conversation Topics

Level: intermediate, advanced

Goal: to help children learn how to get to know others and make friends by using conversation skills.

Materials needed: The conversation tree materials found in the next lesson, a list of fun questions that are related to likes and dislikes of the children, or any other brief questions that help the children learn about each other.

Activity: Start by announcing that you are going to do a fun get to know you activity. Write the children's name on the blackboard with the variety of topics to help them learn their similarities and differences. Do this in a very fun way for example: if you ice cream pretend you are licking an ice cream cone, if you do not like ice cream cross your arms and make a disgusted face. Once you have gone through a list of about 10 topics and have it written on the board, tell the children that you are going to practice using the conversation tree to help them talk with each other about these similarities and differences. Make sure you leave this written information on the board so the children can refer back to it to help them formulate and answer questions. This is a fun way to develop topics for conversations and help the children recognize other's likes and dislikes in the group. Now refer to the lesson on conversation tree to further this lesson.