

Diversity in the World Around Me – Sparks

October 2015 Saskatchewan Program Committee Instant Meeting

Program Connections:

Keeper: The World Around Me

Meeting Plan

Before the meeting: A week before this meeting, ask the girls to plan to bring a song, game, pictures or other items from their countries of origin to share with the group for this meeting.

60 minute meeting. Approximate activity times shown. Be flexible!

5 min: Gathering: Passports

5 min: Spark Opening

30-40 min: Sharing Time

5-15 min: Active Game and Songs

5 min: Spark closing

Meeting supplies

Depends on the activities chosen. The list below is based on the activities listed.

- For Passports:
 - Card stock
 - Paper
 - Markers/crayons

Opening Activity - Passports

Prior to the meeting, create small booklets out of the cardstock and paper to be the passports. Have the girls decorate the covers with their names and whatever they want.

Spark Opening

Once everyone has arrived, do your regular Spark opening. Once in the circle, discuss how everyone comes from somewhere else in the world and we all have similarities and differences that make us who we are.

Sharing Time

Go around the circle and give every girl a chance to share what they brought, or just to talk a bit about where they come from. After they share, have them go around and initial each person's passport.

Active Game and Songs

Have the girls stand in a circle. Ask the girls some questions and if they answer yes to the question, they need to go to the middle of the circle and trade places with someone else. This game will show girls that

there are differences and similarities within the group, and that is okay! Point out that some differences and similarities are not visible.

Some sample questions:

1. Do you have brown eyes?
2. Do you have black hair?
3. Are you left-handed?
4. Do you have a brother?
5. Do you have a pet?
6. Do you like to play video games?
7. Do you like to look at books?
8. Are you in Kindergarten?
9. Are you in Grade One?
10. Do you know another language?

If you have time, sing some songs that are about diversity or from other countries such as:

It's a Small World

It's a world of laughter
A world of tears
It's a world of hopes
And a world of fears
There's so much that we share
That it's time we're aware
It's a small world after all

It's a small world after all
It's a small world after all
It's a small world after all
It's a small, small world

There is just one moon
And one golden sun
And a smile means
Friendship to every one
Though the mountains divide
And the oceans are wide
It's a small world after all

Frere Jacques

Frere Jacques, Frere Jacques
Dormez-vous? Dormez-vous?
Sonnez les matines! Sonnez les matines!
Ding, dang, dong. Ding, dang, dong.

Kookaburra

<http://www.kididdles.com/lyrics/k003.html>

Spark Closing

Do your usual Spark closing and thank all the girls for sharing their heritage.