

Sherrell and Mariah



Grade Level: Elementary School



DU Theme: CRE



SEL Competency: Relationship Skills, Self-Management

Facilitator may wish to use reflection questions with students individually or in groups. Below is a possible adaptation for a group activity.

ACTIVITY

After students watch the video, use the following questions to guide a group discussion with students about conflict resolution.

Sherrell and Mariah get along almost all of the time, but sometimes something happens that could come between them, usually a thoughtless comment. What are some things you could say to a friend who has said something that makes you mad or angry that helps calm the situation? Why is it important to do this?

What are some ways that we teach you to help get along with your friends? Why is it important to learn these skills (that help us work out conflicts)?

Choose several grade level appropriate books or reading materials from your classroom literacy library that have characters who are friends who have a conflict. Assign groups of two or three students to work together and read the text you assign. Have each group discuss the text and describe how the characters resolve their conflict. Show students the video of Sherrell and Mariah again and have groups share out comparing the experiences of the characters in their texts along with experiences of Sherrell and Mariah.