

Lesson 4



Area: Show Respect

Title: **Cultural Links**

Objective: Students will understand and respect different cultural backgrounds.

Materials: Construction Paper
Writing Utensils
Markers, Crayons, and other art supplies

- Activity:**
1. Begin by explaining that: “Every family is different and unique.”*
 2. Each student shares one or two special traditions or ways that his or he family celebrates a holiday or other event.
 3. Each student writes words or draws pictures on the construction paper that describes his or her family traditions.
 4. Link the paper together in a chain or glue together into a “quilt” that can be displayed in the classroom.

Closure: Discuss the following questions:
“Why are traditions important?”
“How can you learn more about different cultures and traditions?”
“How may you respectfully share your own traditions?”
“How does understanding another’s tradition help you respect them more?”

* Important Note: Teachers are encouraged to elaborate on and describe the concept of tradition and family. Traditions may include rituals at meals, vacations, songs and stories, and many other things. Please remember that some students do not live with their parents, or may not even be living with people that they consider “family”. This activity is intended to be inclusive and celebratory. Do what you can to help all students feel comfortable sharing on this topic. **Teachers are reminded to be sensitive to all students, some of whom are members of non-traditional families.**