Lesson 25

Area: Apologize

Title: What Does It Mean?

Objective: Students will enhance vocabulary and demonstrate an understanding of a variety of terms related to saying, “I’m sorry” or “I apologize.”

Materials: Paper and pencil
“What Does It Mean?” Terms Sheet with definitions
“What Does It Mean?” Terms sheet without definitions

Activity: 1. Introduce/review the concept of “synonyms” – the idea that there are many words that mean similar things to saying, “I’m sorry” or “I apologize.”

2. Pass out terms sheet—one copy per student (or pair of students). This will be used as a reference.

3. The words in boxes without definitions should be cut up and put into a jar, envelope, etc. Divide students into 2 teams.

4. Students will take turns drawing out a word from the jar/envelope. Then each student must draw or perform the meaning of the word (as if playing Pictionary or Charades) using term sheet if necessary. When the correct word is guessed, the team shifts to another student. Teams can earn points for correct guesses. Award prizes to winning team if you choose.

Closure: Wrap up with the following questions:

-What made this a challenging activity?
-Was it easier to draw or perform the meaning of the words?
-Why is it helpful to know or understand words other than “I’m sorry” or “I apologize”?
What Does It Mean?

Terms Sheet

Directions: Cut out the following terms on the dotted line. For use with the lesson “What Does It Mean?”

Grieved: Feeling sorrow or pain
Justification: To prove or show to be just, right, or reasonable
Plea: A decision, decree
Pained: to make suffer or cause distress, to hurt
Excuse: To make apology for- to try to remove blame from
Afflicted: Causing if pain or suffering
Vindication: to set free, deliver, exonerate
Mortified: A sense of humiliation and shame caused by something that wounds ones pride or self-respect
Acknowledgement: To take notice of- disclosure of something that might be concealed
Confession: To disclose ones faults
Ashamed: Feeling shame, guilt, or disgrace- feeling inferior or unworthy
Remediate: Affording a remedy, concerned with correction
Dejected: Low spirits, sad, discouraged
Amends: Something given to make up for loss or injury
Embarrassed: To be uneasy or ashamed: make self-conscious
Explanation: Clearing up difficulty or mistake
Humiliated: To lower pride or dignity; make ashamed
Rationalization: An explanation or excuse
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