

Lesson 28



Area: Apologize

Title: **What Did I Do?**

Objective: Students will recognize situations where they may offend others unintentionally, which may require an apology later

Materials: Paper
Writing Utensils

Activity:

1. Introduce the concept of “offensive” behavior. What does this mean? How can actions be offensive, even if they were not intended to be? Generate a list of examples from the class, i.e. interrupting conversations, littering, talking with food in mouth, etc.

2. Divide students into groups of 3-5 each.

3. Assign each group one of the settings below:

- cafeteria
- classroom
- hallway
- bus
- home
- playground

Ask students to make a list of actions that might offend other people in these settings. (i.e. making disgusting noises in the cafeteria.) Allow 3-5 minutes for group work.

4. Have groups share their brainstormed ideas with whole class. Facilitate a class discussion based on student ideas.

Closure: Ask the following questions:

1. “How many of you recognize that you may have offended others without realizing it in some of these situations?”
2. “What should you do when others are offending you and they do not realize it?”
3. “What should you do when you realize you are offending someone, even when your actions were not intended to be offensive?”