

COMMONALITIES

Diversity activities teach young children to respect and celebrate the differences in all people. It also helps them realize that we're all humans, despite differences in how we look or dress, or what we eat or celebrate. Games and activities offer a fun way for young children to learn about differences and similarities among people and to introduce the concept of diversity.

This activity can help children get to know their Bigs and their peers by discovering the differences and similarities between them.

In-person

Spiderweb – Bring in a skein of yarn and have your students sit in a circle. The person who begins has to say something about him or herself. If another student has the same in common, the skein of yarn is rolled/tossed to that student, who then says something new. Continue until every student is holding some of the yarn, symbolizing that the class may be full of differences, but they all have a common thread to unite them.

Virtual

Question/Answer – Start with a piece of paper. Begin taking turns asking one another questions to get to know each other. Write down your answers and share them. Every time you have the same answer, highlight it. Try to find 5 things you have in common!

Examples of questions:

How many people are in your family? How many siblings do you have?

How many pets do you have? What kind of pets do you have?

What is your favorite sport, hobby, food, color, animal, etc.

Where is your favorite place to eat?

If you could visit any place, where would it be?

What is/was your favorite subject in school?

What is your favorite indoor or outdoor activity?

What do you like to do with your friends?