

Ideas for Teaching Character



COMPASSION

Feelings for another's sorrow or hardship

Lesson Ideas

- Develop a program for welcoming new students, perhaps assigning a new buddy every day for two weeks.
- Discuss what it would be like to be in a wheelchair or to be blind. Make a list of feelings and how one can demonstrate compassion.
- Discuss the differences between compassion, pity, and sympathy. How are these terms alike? After distinguishing the meanings of these terms, ask students to write two sentences using each term.
- What is the opposite of compassion? Discuss how it feels to have a hardship and for others not to care. Have any students experienced this feeling?.

Check it out!

- <http://www.dontlaugh.org/>- Order your free copy of the Don't Laugh at Me teaching series.
- <http://www.generosity.org/>. An organization designed to start random acts of kindness around the world

Check this website for additional ways to teach
COMPASSION

http://www.pearsall.k12.tx.us/Character%20Education/Virtue_COMPASSION.htm

Quotes:

“Make no judgements where you have no compassion.” Anne McCaffrey

“A really great person is the person who makes every person feel great!” G.K.Chesterton

Student Assignments:

- Bring in a newspaper article of an account of compassion in your community
- Write three sentences explaining how tolerance for other people shows compassion.
- Look for two opportunities to show compassion this week. Describe one example to your class.

- Read about how to establish a successful Character Education program. Order your copy today of *The Character Education Handbook* www.teachingcharacter.com.
- Read about what works at www.whatworks.ed.gov/comingnext/character.html