

Good Sports Greeting Cards



Audience:

All ages

Topic:

Defining sportsmanship

Objectives:

Identify the qualities and behaviors that reflect good sportsmanship

Time required:

45-60 minutes

Materials required:

- Computer with Internet access
- Plain paper
- Art supplies (crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.)
- Sample greeting cards

Activity:

Looking at row after row of greeting cards in a store, you might think there's a card for every possible occasion. Not so, says Good Sports Greetings Company. So Good Sports Greetings has hired you to design a line of greeting cards to promote good sportsmanship among kids.

As a group, create a list and discuss qualities that reflect good sportsmanship.

Sample List:

- ▶ Humility
- ▶ Respect for other competitors
- ▶ Patience
- ▶ Helpfulness
- ▶ Compassion

Now you're ready to create your first card to congratulate someone for demonstrating good sportsmanship. Fold a plain piece of paper in half to create your card, then use art supplies to write words and draw pictures to decorate it. You could also create a card to encourage someone who was disappointed with his or her performance at a competition.

Variation:

Participants can use a graphic design program, such as www.canva.com or Microsoft Publisher to make greeting cards on computers and then save and print them.

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Reflection Questions:

- ▶ *How do you feel when you receive a greeting card?*
- ▶ *What words of encouragement have you heard in the past?*
- ▶ *Do you think stores should offer sportsmanship greeting cards?*
- ▶ *What do you think is the most important quality of a good sport?*
- ▶ *While creating your card, did you think of any other sportsmanship qualities that should be recognized?*