



Kids at Hope

Online Treasure Chest Submission

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Name of Activity/Idea: Lots of ACES

Audience (staff, children ages/grades, parents, etc.): staff, (students for variation)

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Objective: To allow staff to identify their aces and make connections with kids to identify their aces.

Time Required:

Resources/Materials:

Small post-its for each group – lots!

Writing tool for each person

One chart paper per group – divided into four quadrants labeled with each ace.

Procedure:

1. Review each of the four aces and the importance of having aces – meaningful, sustainable connections with caring adults.
2. Ask each individual to write as many of the aces as possible on post-it's, one name per post-it.
3. In groups, have participants place the post-it's on the chart in the appropriate quadrant.
4. Have a small group followed by a large group discussion about how many aces you all have, ask some folks to highlight and discuss their aces.
5. Display the charts for a while, perhaps in the lounge, as a reminder of how many aces you all had and that your kids need the same.

Variations:

Have teachers teach their kids about aces. Talk a tour and have the charts somewhere where the kids can see all the aces the staff identified. Then have the kids do the same activity. Hang those charts up too for a while and celebrate the aces in your school, organization, community.

Use this activity to set the stage for completing aces tracking.

Kids at Hope Connections: Universal Truth #2, Aces, Aces Tracking,