

CHARACTER COUNTS!® Day at the Ballpark

The Power of Teamwork

This activity focuses on teamwork and can be used before the game to predict what will happen and after the game to review predictions about what actually happened.

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9j3-ghRjBs>

Length: 1 minute 22 seconds

Preparation: Preview the video- There are three segments. Determine if you will show one, two or three of the segments.

Suggested Lesson:

1. Students watch the video. If watching more than one segment, show segments one at a time.

- Ask students to look for examples of teamwork as they watch the video.
- After each video segment (if viewing more than one), lead a brief discussion about:
 - What happened in the video?
 - What were examples of teamwork? Record their answers. (Ideas: helping each other; following directions; working as a group; trusting each other; watching out for danger)
 - Which of the Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship) were demonstrated?
 - How did working as a team help the situation?
 - What could have happened if they did not work as a team?

2. If this activity occurs BEFORE the baseball game:

- Let the class know they will all be looking for examples of teamwork at the Cubs game.
- What do they think they might see?
- Will they see examples of teamwork demonstrated only by the the Iowa Cubs and Nashville Sounds players?
- Where are some other places they might look for teamwork? (Ideas: the group singing the National Anthem; Cubbie Bear's escort; vendors; between innings activities on the field)

3. If this activity occurs AFTER the baseball game, ask students to share examples of teamwork they observed at the Cubs game. (See #2 above for prompts).

- What were examples of teamwork you saw at the game?
- For each example, how did working as a team help the situation?
- Which of the Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship) were demonstrated?
- Were there any examples where teamwork did not occur when it should have? What happened?
- How would teamwork have helped the situation?

4. Vocabulary & Writing or Discussion Activity

Extend the experience your students had at CHARACTER COUNTS! Day at the Ballpark with this video and a writing assignment about sportsmanship. The video and its message can easily be the basis for considering character and sportsmanship.



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