



RSK K-1 L5 LISTENING EARS

Grade: K-1

Competency Area: Relationship Skills

Lesson Title: Listening Ears (Lesson #5)

T-SEL Standard: 4.E.2. Students use constructive strategies to communicate their perspective and listen openly to the perspectives of others to solve a problem.

Duration: 20 minutes

Materials Needed: ChalkWild erasable backpack + ChalkWild chalk markers + terry cloth

Lesson Directions:

1. Introduction: Gather the students in a circle, with all students standing up. Explain to students that they are going to play the game "Simon Says." Explain the directions so all students know how to play. Play a few rounds of Simon Says.

Conclude the introduction by reminding students that listening carefully is one way to be a good friend. When we listen to our friends, we learn about them and how we can be better friends.

2. Drawing Activity: "Listening Ears"

- Instruct students to get out their backpacks and markers.
- Tell students that on their backpack they are going to draw self-portraits of how they would look if they were listening to a friend. Encourage students to include details that show listening behavior, such as:
 - Big eyes looking at their friend
 - Ears open and ready
 - Smiling face
 - Hands still and calm

3. Sharing: Divide students into groups of 3-4 students. In their small groups, have students share their listening self-portraits. Questions to help prompt students may be:

- *Who are you listening to in your picture?*
 - *What helps you be a good listener?*
 - *What details in your picture show that you are a good listener?*
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