

Teaching children to treat each other with respect is an important part of school that can make the difference in the success of your classroom. Try some of these activities, broken out by age group, to help mold student behavior throughout the year.

### **Character-building Activities: Elementary**

1. **Make It Mine** - Let kids define character traits in their own words and share an example of someone they know who displays that positive characteristic.
2. **Walk in my Shoes** - Trace feet and stand in someone else's footprint while discussing examples of empathy.
3. **Don't Be Salty** - Give students a salt packet and have them dump it on a napkin. Tell them to put the crystals back into the pack. This is the same as our words — they are difficult to take back.
4. **Helpful vs. Hurtful** - Have students look at magazines or at social media posts and talk about which words can inspire and which words can be hurtful.