

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!

DISCOVERING THE SPACE THAT YOU FEEL SAFE AND SECURE IN.



Grade: K+

Month: November

Lesson Focus and Goals:

For many people November is the start of the holiday season, a time when we focus on home and family. But home as a space and as a concept can mean different things to different people. For some home is the building, apartment, etc that their family lives in. For others, home is an idea, a construct, or even a dream. We want to talk about what a home means to each of us, and what we see and feel when we experience a place or a person who makes us feel like we belong. By exploring the differences in our homes, we can have a better understanding of the community we're connected to.

Materials Needed:

- Paper Bags
- Markers/Crayons
- Construction Paper
- Glue
- Scissors

Learning Objectives:

- What does home mean to you?
- How can we find safe spaces in and out of our home?
- What does it mean to feel comfortable where we are?

Structure / Activity:

Step One: Fold the paper bag down to the size you would like your house to be. Lay the bag flat so that you have the ability to work on it.

Step Two: Cut your construction paper into tiny squares, gluing them from the top of the bag down two or three rows to create a roof.

Step Three: Cut additional squares to create doors and windows. Glue those in place as well.

Step Four: Using your markers or crayons, add a little more individual flavor to the bag's design. Curtains in the windows, plants along the door, even bricks to make the design uniquely their own.

Step Five: Fluff your paper bag back up to its normal size and tape it closed where you want its height to be. If you want to give the bag some weight, use old newspaper to stuff it.

**** If you don't have a paper bag, you can design your own house by drawing it on a piece of paper to showcase how you want it to look. ****

Take Aways:

Home doesn't have to be what you see on TV or read about in books. Home can be your best friend's house, your favorite class in school, or a grandparent's hug that makes you feel good. While we don't all have the same kind of building to live in or the same things inside of our building, we all have the capacity to build relationships, to dream, and to experience joy in things that mean something to us. Sometimes it's hard to understand why our homes don't look the same as other people's, but even if they are different it doesn't make them any less wonderful or any less our own. When we find something that can connect us to loved ones or spaces, that feeling can be all that we need to create a beautiful home for ourselves. After all, "be it ever so humble, there's no place like home."

