



Peace Skills: Finding Ways to Stay Connected

Watch the following read aloud video: *Between Us and Abuela* by Mitali Perkins

This book is about a girl and her family visiting her grandmother at the Mexican border. She has to figure out how to give her grandmother her Christmas presents because they do not fit through the fence.

Reflective Question: Have you ever been away from someone for Christmas?

Activity: For this activity, you will be making a Christmas card for the person or people you will not be able to be with this Christmas. Draw a picture of your favorite memory with them or something you usually do with them on Christmas day. You will need an envelope (optional), construction paper, crayons, and markers. Once you are done drawing the Christmas card, you can send it through the mail or take a picture of it and send it through email or text message.

Activity Reflection: How do you think the person/people you sent the card to felt when they received it? What are some other things that you can do to stay connected with loved ones during this time?

Vocabulary

- Abuela: grandma
- Angelita: angel
- Las Posadas: a nine-day Mexican festival celebrating the birth of Jesus and how his parents searched for shelter the night he was born
- La Posada Sin Fronteras: The Inn without Borders
- Jolly: cheerful
- Scurrying: to move quickly