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ONLYSECONDS

Welcome to the Only7Seconds' Connection Curriculum! We are working to create a world without loneliness and we do that by inspiring you to make intentional, meaningful connections with the people you care about.

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU FELT LONELY?

Before we get started, here's what you need to know:

- You aren't alone in feeling alone. Feeling lonely is normal. Just like feeling thirsty means you need a glass of water, feeling lonely is a sign that you need to connect or reconnect on a meaningful level.
- Building connection takes intention! Thinking about and reaching out to the people you care about is vital. Relationships change over time, and it is through intentional connection that you get to decide which relationships to focus on to get what you need!
- You get to decide what you need in a connection to make it meaningful. By looking at what you believe, what you like, and where you are in your life, you get to choose what you are looking for from other people.

Throughout the year, there are 3 types of lessons:



YOUR STORY MATTERS

Connect with yourself to learn what you want and need from relationships.



EMPATHY MATTERS

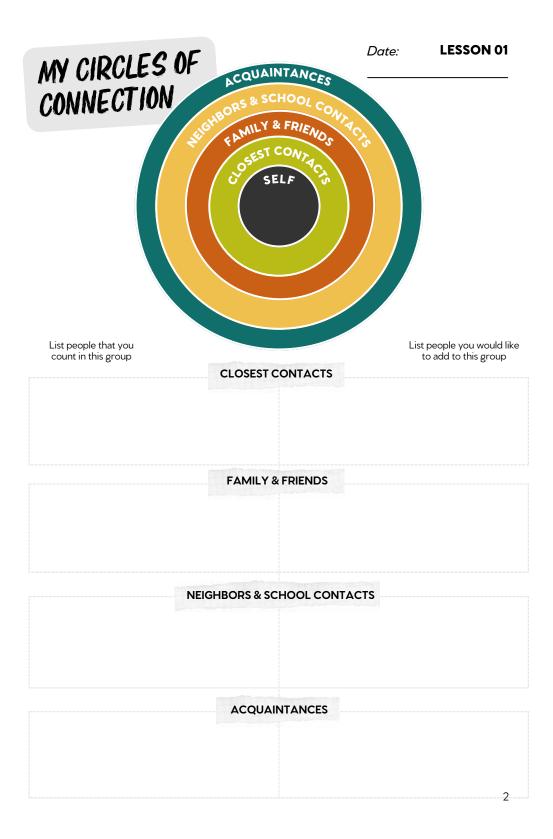
Build empathy skills for other people's stories through our storyteller videos. You'll reach out to someone you are thinking about in that moment.



Engage with connection challenges to reach out to someone in your circles of connection.



Here are some of the people who you'll hear stories from!





WHERE DO YOU FALL BETWEEN THESE?

Introvert	I	Extrovert
Athlete		Bookworm
Quiet	F	Loud
Involved	F	Private
Emotional	F	J Stoic
Calm	F	- Reactive
Spontaneous	F	- Methodical
Choose 3 characteristics from above!	is all together, I think of myself as I feel a lot of things as a way to make myself	s, and often I like to
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feeling that wa	y by What I ne	ed from my closest
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MY FAVORITE	THINGS: I HOPE & DREAN	A ABOUT

I feel most connected when...

I'm working on:

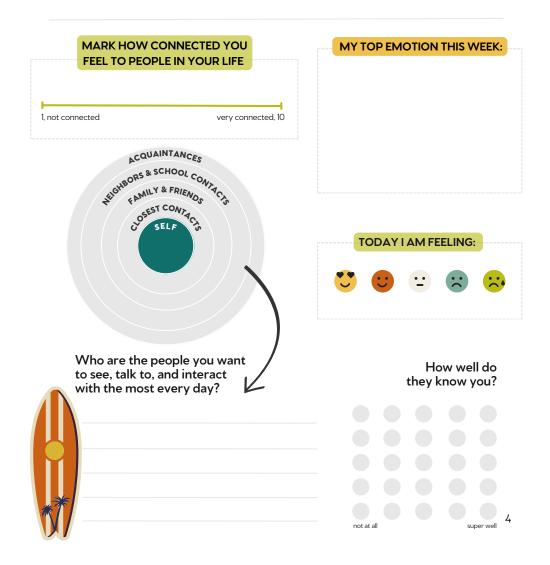
I'd like if people knew....

When I'm stressed, I need...

When I'm sad, I need....

When I'm happy, I like to:

You'll know I'm on the right track when...



Dear future me,

Describe yourself. What makes you unique? What are your current interests? What is your background? What do you appreciate about yourself?

What are some ways you connect with yourself?

What strategies do you use to reset and refocus?

In what areas of your life do you feel like you have strong connections? (Check all that apply, circle the one that you would want to focus on improving.)

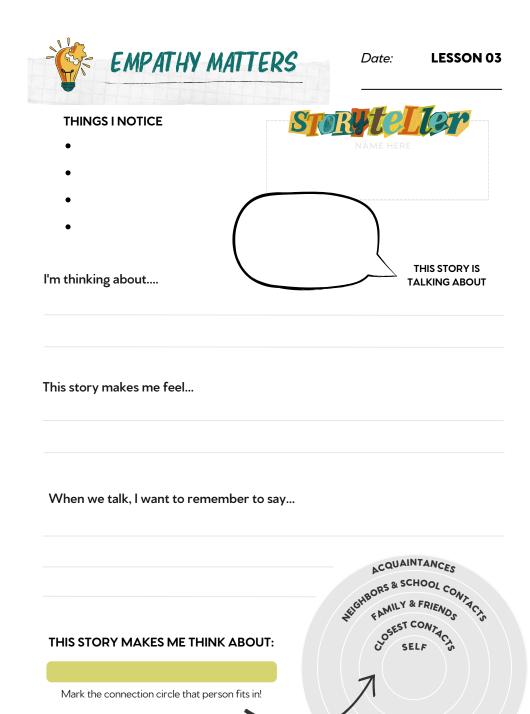


Greater CommunityBackground/historyActivities/InterestsRole Model

What are some of the ways you intentionally connect with others?

Why do you think it's important to take time to connect with others?

Till next spring,



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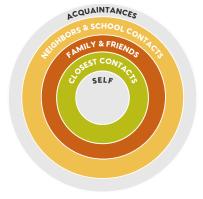
LESSON 04

Fill out the different parts of the shoe with the people and life experiences that has shaped who you are. Think about this:

- Who are you today?
- What experiences have impacted who you are?
- Who has had the greatest influence in your life?

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Are there people you included in your shoe that are not as close to you as they once were?	
YES, THEY'VE MOVED CIRCLES	
NO, THEY ARE IN THE SAME CIRCLES	
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	Do the people you wrote about all fall in one circle or are they
	listed in various circles?
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	What happens if they change circles?
	Has that happened to you before?

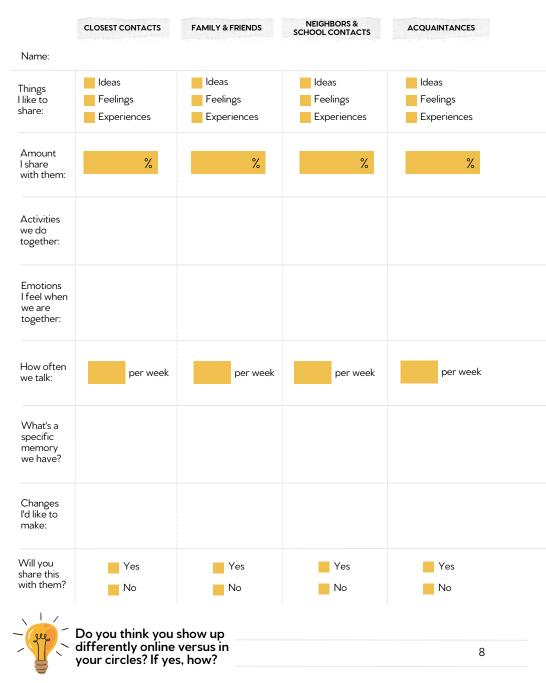
How would you feel about someone moving further out in your circles? What about someone moving to a closer circle?



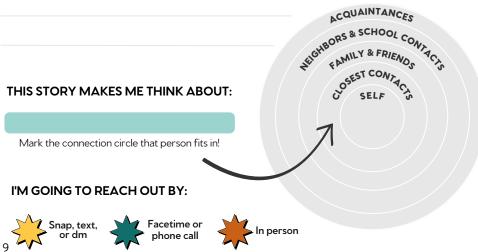


LESSON 05

We all show up differently for different people in our lives. Choose one individual from each of your circles of connection. Use these prompts to evaluate how you show up in these specific relationships.









1. Brainstorm who your role models might be, choose one and write 3 characteristics on why they are your role model. We hope this is someone you know and can interact with!

CONNECTION MATTERS

2. Complete this worksheet by listing the characteristics and traits you admire in your role model.

3. Share it with your role model in some waywrite a note, send a dm, post a picture!

BRAINSTORM HERE

WHO ARE YOUR ROLE MODELS?

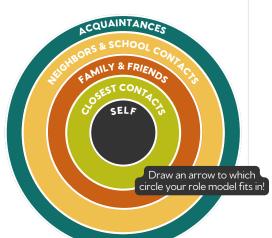
When you notice someone you like or admire, what's the first thing you think about?

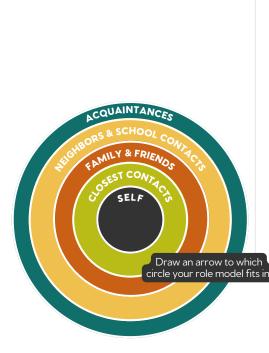
How would someone in a role model position make you feel?

What is something you would like a role model to do with you or for you?

MY ROLE MODEL IS:

WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS AND TRAITS YOU ADMIRE IN THEM?





LESSON 08



CIRCLE 10 OF THE VALUES YOU HOLD

- Family
- Creativity
- Communication
- Achievement
- Competition
- Self-Confidence
- Structure
- Decision Making
- Education
- Tradition
- Passion
- Persistence

Risk-taking

MY STORY MATTERS

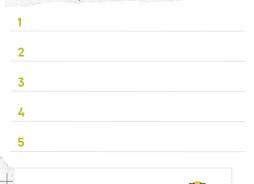
- Friendship
- Imagination
- Intelligence
- Growth
- Inner Peace
- Fitness
- Self-Awareness
- Fairness
- Sincerity
- Justice
- Community

- Rest
- Punctuality
- Bravery
- Patience
- Wealth
- Adventure
- Generosity
- Loyalty
- Honesty
- Respect
- Independence
- Challenge

- Self Respect
- Diversity
- Faith
- Balance
- Freedom
- Resilience
- Happiness
- Positivity
- Efficiency
- Orderliness
- Partnership
- Authenticity

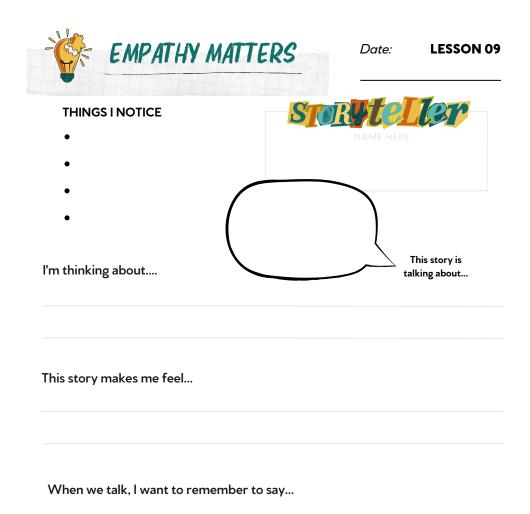
From the 10 values I picked, the most important to me are...

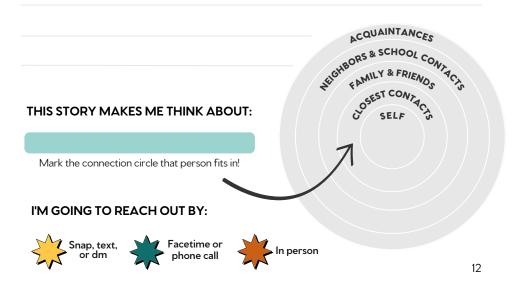
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Now, consider which emotion might be the opposite or seem to be in conflict with the value you hold







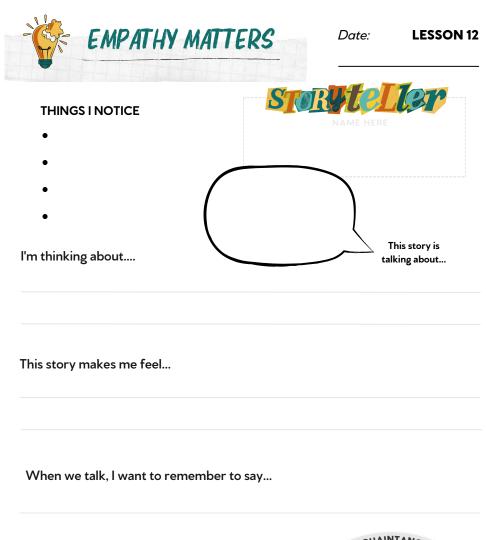


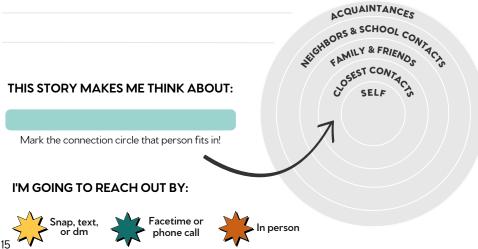


LESSON 11

It is natural to show up differently for different people. Take some time to think about your different relationships. On the top line, pick a specific person from your circles and jot it down. Then spend some time thinking about you usually spend time together. How you would like it to be different? What would you need from them to reach that relationship goal?

	CLOSEST CONTACTS	FAMILY & FRIENDS	NEIGHBORS & SCHOOL CONTACTS	ACQUAINTANCES
Name:				
What I want them to notice about me				
What I want them to say to me				
What I want them to feel when we are together				
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Circle at least two acts of

in your circles this week

1. Give someone a compliment

3. Hold a door open for someone 4. Help someone who is struggling 5. Give 5 people a high five 6. Express love to a family member 7. Show appreciation to a staff member

8. Say thank you to a family member 9. Be nice to someone you don't know

14. Do something kind for someone

18. Show respect when you disagree

21. Post a shoutout to someone you love

19. Speak up for someone

22. Say "hi" to someone new 23. Share something special to you

24. Let go of a wrong

16. Leave a positive note on someone's car

2. Smile at a stranger

10. Send a positive text 11. Write a kind note 12. Take time to listen 13. Hug somebody

15. Sav "I'm sorrv"

17. Give a gift

20. Do a chore

kindness to do for someone

LESSON 13

Describe the difference between random and planned acts of kindness...

How does random make you feel?

What about intentional?

BRAINSTORM YOUR OWN IDEAS FOR ACTS OF KINDNESS HERE



What makes you feel the most loved?

How do the people in your circles feel the most loved?

CIRCLE YOUR LOVE LANGUAGE:

Words of Affirmation

Act of Service Physical Touch

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29. Send someone a video saying you love them

25. Let someone else pick what to watch on TV

26. Write something positive on a sticky note

- 30. Offer help to someone
- 31. Remind someone that they matter

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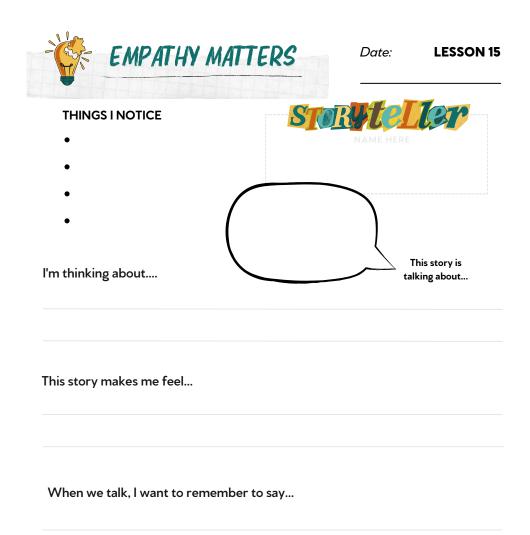
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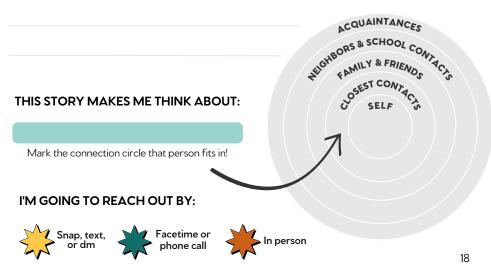
27. Post something positive online 28. Let someone go ahead in line



LESSON 14

IN MY BEST RELATIONSHIPS:		
l feel happy when		
I feel appreciated when		
When I'm happy, I like to:		
When I am upset, I need to do		for myself.
MY FAVORITE THINGS Color:	For me to feel th connected, I nee	BBBB
Song:		
Snacks:		
Hobby:		
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Movie:	THIS OF	RTHAT?
Season:	Book	Podcast
ACQUAINTANCES	Morning Person	Night Owl
NEIGHBORS & SCHOOL CONTACT	TV Show	Movie
NE FAM. OSEST CONTROS	Introvert	Extrovert
	Pizza	Tacos
	City	Country
RATE HOW CONNECTED YOU FEEL TODAY	Beach	Mountains
	Neutrals	Colorful





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Who am I?			
Where am I	from?		
Why am I he	ere?		
What can I d	lo?		
Where am I	going?		
	WHO IS ON YOUR MINE	0?	SUJAINTANCES
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LESSON 17

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Closest Contacts		
Family & Friends		
Friends		
Neighbors & School		
Acquaintances		

My circles now:

Closest Contacts	
Family & Friends	
Neighbors & School	
Acquaintances	

My circles when I am 30 years old:

Closest Contacts	
Family & Friends	My connection
Neighbors & School	
Acquaintances	

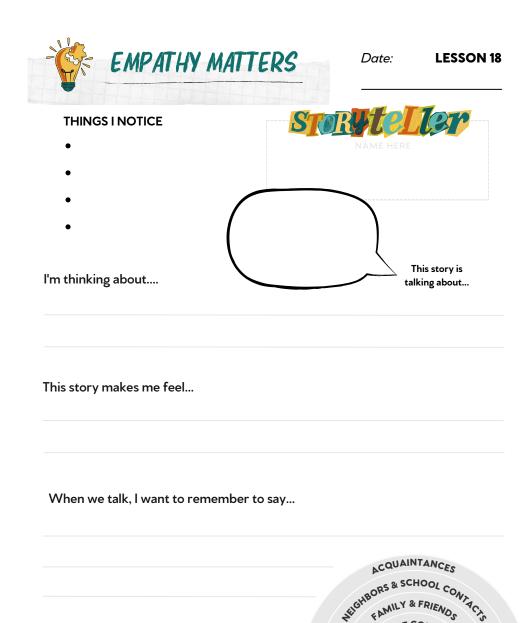


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My connection goals for the future:



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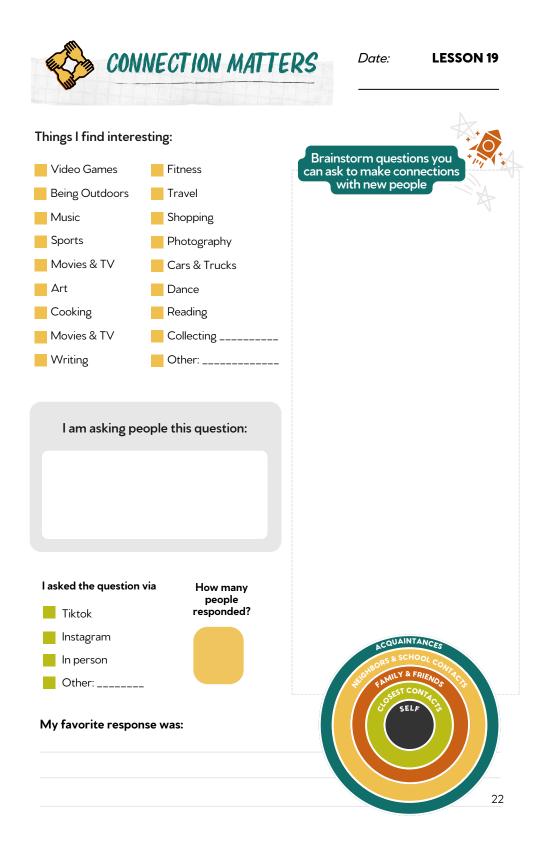
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THIS STORY MAKES ME THINK ABOUT:

Mark the connection circle that person fits in!

I'M GOING TO REACH OUT BY:





HOW DO YOU FEEL

ABOUT ASKING FOR HELP?

LESSON 20



WHAT DO YOU NEED HELP WITH?

- School work
- Finances
- Rides/transportation
- Emotional support
- Talking through ideas
- Problem solving decisions
- Other

WHAT KEEPS YOU FROM ASKING FOR HELP?



WHAT DO YOU NEED RIGHT NOW?

WHO IS SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP?

Draw an arrow to the circle this person fits in!

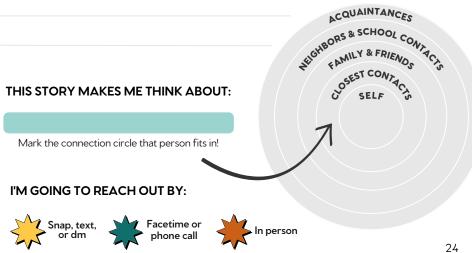
"More than anything, my wish for you is this: That when your awful darkest days come, you will know you're not alone. Pain will tell you to keep quiet, but that's a lie. Life is fragile and we all break in different ways. I hope you know you can be honest. I hope you know that you can ask for help. Did you catch that?

IT IS ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP.

It simply means you're human. Help is real and it is possible; people find it every day."

- Jamie Tworkowski







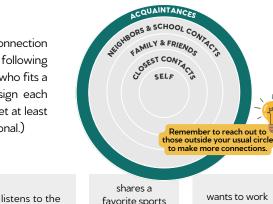
LESSON 22

CONNECTION BINGO:

Here's your chance to expand your connection circle! Search for people who fit the following descriptors. When you find someone who fits a connection to you, take a selfie or sign each other's bingo square. Your goal is to get at least one bingo. (5 in a row, column, or diagonal.)

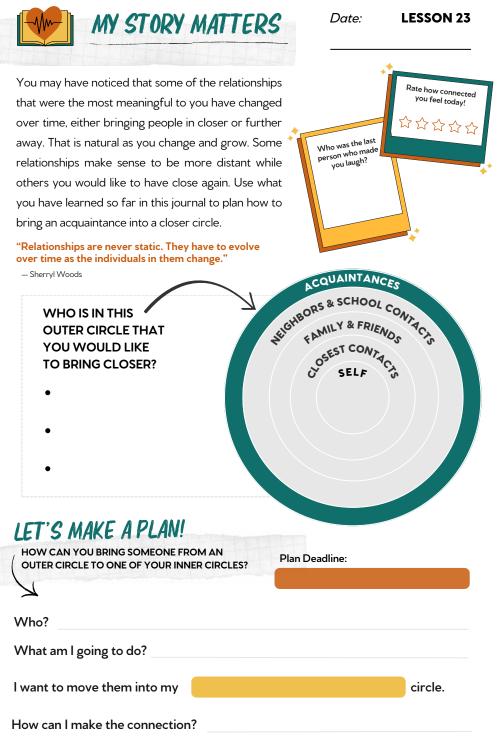
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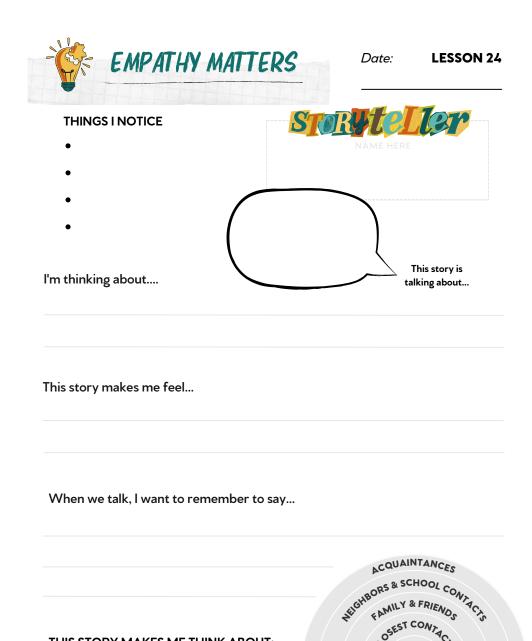
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like the same music artist	birth order as you (oldest, middle, youngest, only)	same youtuber or podcaster	tavorite sports team (or dislikes sports too)	in the same career or field		
enjoys the same hobby	has the same favorite movie	went to the same elementary school	agrees with you on pizza toppings	been on vacation at the same place (or also hasn't traveled out of state)		
has the same future goal	has the same type of pet (or no pet if you don't have a pet!)	FREE	shares your birthday month	had the same favorite tv show or movie as a kid		
has the same favorite camp/school memory	shares the same cultural or ancestral history	agrees with you on an unpopular opinion	can quote the same tv show	shares the same celebrity crush		
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dislikes the same food	can do the same dance move	chooses the same icecream flavor	can speak or is learning the same language	played the same sport or extracurricular activity		
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HERE'S						

WHAT IS BRINGING 25 **ME JOY**:





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THIS STORY MAKES ME THINK ABOUT:

Mark the connection circle that person fits in!

I'M GOING TO REACH OUT BY:



LESSON 25



Write at least 7 sticky notes to share with the world! You can use the prompts here or write your own.



Be sure you include (a)only7seconds on the bottom of the sticky note so that when people find them, they can understand how only 7 seconds of kindness can make a big difference.

Spread some hope! You can leave them around your school and community. The possibilities are endless so get creative! Here are some ideas to get you started: locker rooms, bathroom stalls and mirrors, car windshields, grocery stores, bus stop benches, or the gym.

Practice one here!



- 1. You are right where you need to be.
- 2. Have an amazing day! You've got this!
- 3. Check in with yourself. How are you really doing?
- 4. Taking care of yourself is kind to the people around you.
- 5. Your worth is not found in what you do, but in who you are.
- 6. Having a bad day doesn't make you weak; it makes you human.
- 7. Just wanted to say, you have purpose. Keep going!
- 8. You are NOT a burden. You are a gift. You matter here.
- 9. You are not alone.
- 10. I hope you have a great day today, glad you're here!
- 11. You're crushing it!
- 12. You were given this life because you were strong enough to live it.
- 13. Be gentle with yourself, you're growing. It's not perfect, that's ok.
- 14. Chin up, you are doing great! Keep showing up!
- 15. The world needs you today. Thank you for being here!
- 16. I'm happy you're alive today.
- 17. You make our community a better place, thanks for being here.
- 18. You will rise above your struggles. You are so so strong!
- 19. Your feelings are valid.
- 20. It's okay to not have it all figured out right now.
- 21. You are loved.
- 22. You can do hard things!
- 23. It's okay to ask for help, you aren't suppose to do life alone!
- 24. It's a bad day, not a bad life.
- 25. Stay hopeful, good things are on the horizon.
- 26. You have survived 100% of your worst days, you'll get through this one too.
- 27. If you haven't heard it today- you are loved.
- 28. It's okay to feel overwhelmed. Take it one day at a time.
- 29. You bring so much value to the world.
- 30. You are doing your best. And that is enough.



LESSON 26

When have I been hurt by a friendship or connection?

What did I do?

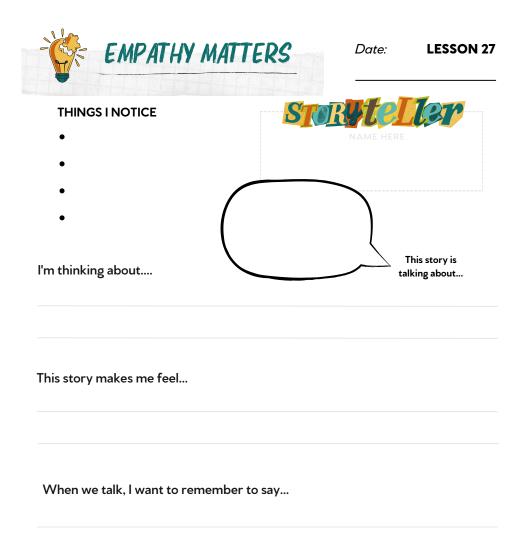
What do I wish I would have done?

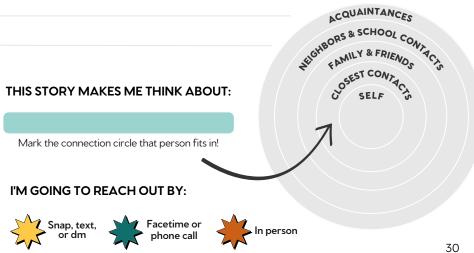
Where does that relationship stand now?

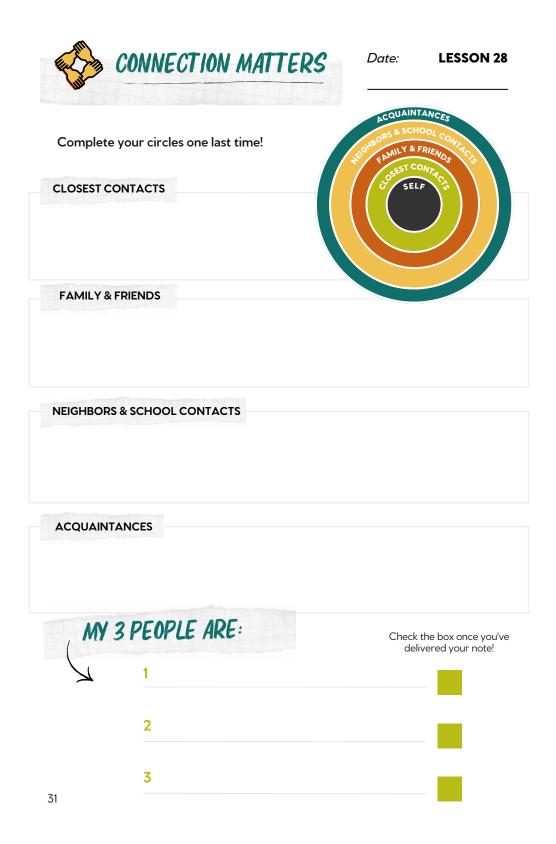
MY SUPPORT TEAM IS:

Share this with your support team 29 Check this box once you've shared! Boundaries in relationships are important. Often we form them after we've have been hurt and don't want to be hurt again, or we can form them proactively to define what you want a relationship to be like. Boundaries come in all shapes and sizes. You define your own boundaries and can update them at any time. When you set a boundary in your relationships, think about 3 steps:

- 1. Communicate what you need.
- 2. Stay simple, don't over-explain.
- 3. Set consequences or tell them why it is important.









Go back to page 5 and reread the letter you wrote to yourself at the start of this journey. Now, answer the following questions!

THINGS THAT SEEM NEW:

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PARTS OF ME THAT FEEL THE SAME:

•

CONNECTIONS I'VE GROWN THIS YEAR

In the boxes below, share how you were able to grow your connection to them.

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	Name:		Name:	J
	6		ACQUAINTANCES	
	GOING FORWARD, MY GOA	IL IS:	ABORS & SCHOOL CON, TC, SCHOOL CON, SCHOOL CONC, SCHOOL	
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LESSON 30

On a scale of 1-5, how did this experience help you?

1, not at all

5, extremely helpful

Intentional Connection

Meaningful Connection

Understand Yourself

Understand Others

Build Empathy

My biggest takeaway from this is:



I'm sharing this takeaway with:

Check this box once you've shared!



YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR STORY.

