Classroom Discussion Questions
Ages 9-12

Spark meaningful conversations about fairness and empathy

Understanding Fairness

1. What does “fair” mean to you?

2. Can something be fair for one person but unfair for another?

3. Have you ever felt left out? What happened?
4. What should happen when someone breaks a rule?

5. Is it fair to treat everyone the same all the time?

6. How do rules help people feel safe?

7. What’s the difference between fairness and favoritism?

8. Can fairness change depending on the situation?

9. How do you speak up when something feels unfair?

10. What does justice look like in your school or community?

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Exploring Empathy

1. What does it mean to “put yourself in someone else’s shoes”?

2. How can you tell when someone is feeling sad or hurt?

3. Why is it important to listen to others—even when you disagree?

4. What's one way you've helped someone feel better?

5. How do you show kindness to someone who's different from you?

6. What's the difference between sympathy and empathy?

7. Can you be kind even when you're upset?
8. How do you comfort a friend who's having a hard day?

9. What does it mean to be a good ally?
10. Why is it brave to care about others?

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Real-Life Situations

1. What would you do if you saw someone being bullied?

2. How do you handle unfair treatment from a friend?

3. What should happen when someone apologizes?

4. How do you respond when someone says something hurtful?

5. What's a time you stood up for someone else?

6. How do you make sure everyone feels included?

7. What's a fair way to solve a disagreement?

8. How do you help someone who’s being ignored?

9. What does respect look like in a group project?

10. How can you use your voice to make things better?