

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will have a basic understanding of the events of September 11, 2001, including what happened, why it was significant, and how it affected people in the United States and around the world.

Materials and Prep

- Pencil and paper for note-taking and drawing
- Coloring materials (crayons, markers, etc.)
- A quiet space for discussion and activities
- Basic knowledge of the events of 9/11 (the teacher should be prepared to explain in simple terms)

Activities

- **Story Time:**

Begin the lesson by telling a simple, age-appropriate story about the events of 9/11. Focus on the bravery of first responders and the importance of helping each other.

- **Drawing Heroes:**

Ask the student to draw a picture of a hero from that day, such as a firefighter, police officer, or a person showing kindness. Discuss their drawing afterward.

- **Building a Peace Tower:**

Using blocks or any available materials, have the student build a small tower to represent hope and peace. Discuss what peace means and why it's important.

- **Kindness Challenge:**

Brainstorm ways to show kindness to others. Write them down and create a "Kindness Jar" where the student can add ideas for future acts of kindness.

Talking Points

- "September 11, 2001, was a very important day in history. It was a day when some bad people did something very hurtful."
- "Many brave firefighters and police officers helped people that day. They are heroes!"
- "Even though it was a sad day, many people came together to help each other and show kindness."
- "After 9/11, people learned how important it is to be kind and help others in need."
- "We remember 9/11 to honor those who were lost and to celebrate the heroes who helped."
- "It's important to talk about our feelings and share our thoughts about things that make us sad."
- "Through our kindness, we can help make the world a better place."
- "Let's think about how we can be heroes in our own way every day!"