

# Great Classroom Idea



Grade level: K-4

Subject (if applicable): Social Studies

**Please check all that apply:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> lesson plan                               | <input type="checkbox"/> project-based teaching/activity idea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> technology integration idea               | <input type="checkbox"/> graphic organizer                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> integration of faith and learning idea    | <input type="checkbox"/> webquest                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> classroom management technique | <input type="checkbox"/> virtual field trip                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> devotional                                | <input type="checkbox"/> bulletin board idea                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> science demo or experiment                | <input type="checkbox"/> critical thinking strategy           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> assessment tool                           | <input type="checkbox"/> original classroom game              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> relationship-building idea     | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____                         |

**Description:** (attach supplementary materials if needed)

## *Signs of Forgiveness*

*Teachers have used hugs, handshakes or high fives to greet students and say goodbye. I use it also for apologizing and forgiveness.*

*When a relationship has broken down due to actions or behaviour, some action needs to take place to begin the restoration of the relationship. When a student/teacher apologizes and is verbally forgiven by the other student/teacher, the person who felt hurt gets to choose to receive a hug, handshake or high five from the other person. This small contact seems to diffuse the feelings more than just an apology does and kids are often smiling or giggling by the end of the contact.*

*I can carry this further by letting the person who needed to apologize also ask for a hug, handshake or high five in return. The action chosen by both parties will often indicate how apologetic someone is and how close or hurt the relationship was by the action.*

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