

# Talking With Friends Skillathon Poster Text

## SITUATION:

You're 3<sup>rd</sup> graders want to talk at the same time and don't want to listen. They have a hard time participating effectively in discussions.

YOUR TASK is to facilitate TALKING WITH FRIENDS

## *The Sharing Circle Activity*

1. Select a painted rock to serve as your special object.
  2. Sit in a circle and explain how this helps us see each other's faces and listen better.
  3. Explain that you can only speak when you're holding the special rock.
  4. Leader starts by asking the question, "What are some things that makes a person a good friend?"
  5. The person on the right shares, they passes the rock on to the next person.
  6. Keep going until all youth have a turn to answer the question.
- HINT: If a child is hesitant to share, it's OK to pass.
7. When the object comes back to the leader, continue by asking another question about "friendship".

## TALK IT OVER

### *Reflect*

- How did it feel to be the speaker? A Listener?
- Which did you like better? Why?

### *Apply*

- How did this help you become a better speaker? A better listener?
- How does this activity help you be a better friend?

