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WORKSHOP 6

FEELINGS AND ATTRACTIONS

Write a sentence or a short poem about intimacy, attraction, or feelings you may have for someone. Or write about how someone else might feel about having a crush. You could also write about what it feels like to not have romantic feelings and yet feel pressure to pair up.

Take It to the Next Level! (optional)

With a trusted adult, listen to a popular song that is about intimacy or attraction. Talk about how the song relates to the “three Rs”—the Our Whole Lives values of relationships, respect, and responsibility.

Word Bank Words for Workshop 6

ATTRACTION: A feeling of strong liking, interest, or desire.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION: The romantic or sexual attraction toward people of a particular sex or gender or to people of more than one sex or gender.

GAY: A term for someone who is attracted to people of the same sex or gender; sometimes used to mean a man who is attracted to men.

HOMOSEXUAL: A term for someone who is attracted to people of the same sex or gender. This term is no longer widely used.

LESBIAN: A term for a woman who is attracted to women.

BISEXUAL: A term for someone who is attracted to people of more than one sex or gender.

STRAIGHT: A term for someone who is attracted to people of another sex or gender.

HETEROSEXUAL: A term for someone who is attracted to people of another sex or gender.

ASEXUAL: A term for someone who is not sexually attracted to other people.

QUEER: A term for someone who feels that they do not fit cultural norms for sexual orientation or gender identity. This word has sometimes been used in a derogatory manner, causing some people to be uncomfortable with its use. However, the word has been reclaimed and many use it with pride.