



Activities Using the Core Jewish Values Poster

- Connect to pop culture:

Divide students into small groups, with each group responsible for one value. Challenge them to identify a fictional character from recent movies, TV shows or books who exemplifies their value and one character who could stand to learn their value.

Ask students to choose one of their favorite songs and retool the lyrics to illustrate the values on the poster. They can work individually or in pairs.

- Have a scavenger hunt:

Challenge students to open a *siddur* (prayer book) and find a prayer that connects to each value.

If you teach *Tanakh*, use the poster to help students name the value exemplified – or missing – from each text the students learn.

On a day when your venue is filled with people, split students into teams and give each of them a camera. Ask them to take a picture of values in action, finding different groups of people whose deeds demonstrate as many of the values as they can.

- Make a classroom contract:

As a class, write a series of "rules" making sure to include at least one action or behavior for every value on the poster.

- Reflect on your actions:

Have students set personal goals relating to each value on the poster. Collect responses and pass them out periodically for students to review, note progress, and revise if necessary.

Use the core values poster as the centerpiece for weekly self-reflection and discussion. Set aside ten minutes each week for students to share something they did that corresponds to one of the categories on the chart. After students have shared, write – or have them write – what they did on a Post-it and place it on the matching square of the blank poster. Extra points for Post-its that match the colors on the original poster.