

Pass the Smile

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Learning Intentions

I can use movement and body language to share kindness with others:

This encourages students to explore how simple gestures can make others feel happy and included.

I can take part in a fun physical game that helps me feel connected to my classmates:

This promotes movement and cooperation in a playful and inclusive way.

I can build confidence by expressing myself through smiling, waving, and playful movements:

This helps students feel more comfortable sharing joy with others in a group setting.



Success Criteria

I can pass a smile, wave, or silly pose to the next student in the circle:

This ensures students are practising physical expression and non-verbal communication.

I can move in a fun and respectful way, such as hopping, spinning, or skipping:

This helps students practise coordination and controlled movement.

I can take turns, watch closely, and respond with a big smile when it's my go:

This promotes focus, timing, and positive interaction.



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Objective:

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Players:

Ideal for groups of 6–26 students standing in a circle.

Materials:

No materials required, just enough open space for safe movement.

Time Required:

10–15 minutes

Setup:

Ask students to stand in a large circle, giving each person enough space to move without bumping into others. Introduce the game by reminding them that on planet Earth, the Playful Astronauts first stop, kindness can be shared through small gestures like smiles, waves, and friendly body language. Let students know that their mission is to pass kindness around the circle using movement and fun!

Gameplay:

Explain the Game:

Choose one student to start. They turn to the person next to them and pass a gesture (either a smile, a wave, or a silly pose), along with a fun movement like a hop, spin, wiggle, or skip.

For example:

- Student A smiles and hops to the person next to them (Student B).
- Student B then smiles back and chooses a new movement (like a spin) before passing on another positive, fun gesture to the next student in the circle (Student C). Student C then mimics the gesture Student B gave to them before creating their own positive and fun gesture to the next student in the circle and so on.

Each student chooses their own movement and gesture, keeping the game fresh and full of surprises!



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Encourage Creativity and Joy:

Students are encouraged to be playful and positive with their actions. Emphasise that the goal is to share joy, not to be perfect. Laughter is welcome, and silly poses are celebrated. Continue around the circle until everyone has had a turn.

Encourage Reflection:

After the circle is complete, gather students and reflect:

- "How did it feel when someone smiled or did something funny for you?"
- "Did you enjoy making someone else smile?"

Use this moment to remind them that just like on Earth, our actions can brighten someone's day.

Winning the Game:

There are no winners or losers. Every student's contribution helps spread kindness and happiness, just like each person plays an important part in making the world a better place.

Additional Notes:

"Pass the Smile" is a simple and energising way to combine movement, kindness, and fun. It builds confidence, encourages joyful expression, and sets a positive tone for the week. This activity fits beautifully with the Earth theme, reminding students that kindness can be shared in many small but meaningful ways.

