

+ Restorative Practice/ Justice Song +
for helping Children/ Youth get in touch with
(; Met / Unmet Needs: (;

- Safety
- Justice
- Control

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Inspired by Dr. Tim Chapman's 8-23-11 Restorative Justice Workshop
Best used in a Community-Building Classroom Circle

For younger children, sing to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"
For older children/ youth, use the tune of "We Will Rock You!"

OPTIONAL INTRO VERSE: (use "I" or "We")

I want to check in with you, 'cause I care about you!

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A: INVITATION TO SELF-REFLECT AND SHARE--- 3 Verses to invite self-reflection

Children/ youth answer each in one or more ways:

- * with hand signals (thumbs up/ down),
- * pointing to a number on a continuum, or holding up fingers for the number
- * pointing on an answer card, or marking in a log: +/√/ -, (/straight-line mouth/ ;
- * writing their response in a journal

1 Is your need for SAFETY being met today?
Is your need for SAFETY being met today?

2 Is your need for JUSTICE being met today?
Is your need for JUSTICE being met today?

3 Is your need for CONTROL being met today?
Is your need for CONTROL being met today?

B: 3 VERSES: INVITATION TO IDENTIFY AND SHARE:

WHAT'S MEETING THEIR NEEDS?

Children/ youth are given the opportunity to share responses orally, in writing, and/or in art.

What's happening with you that helps meet your need for SAFETY?
What's happening with you that helps meet/ your need for SAFETY? / that need?

What's happening with you that helps meet your need for JUSTICE?
What's happening with you that helps meet your need for JUSTICE?

What's happening with you that helps meet your need for CONTROL?
What's happening with you that helps meet your need for CONTROL?

C: 3 VERSES: INVITATION TO DEAL WITH UNMET NEEDS AND IDENTIFY POSSIBLE WAYS TO SUPPORT THEM

Children/ youth are given the opportunity to share responses orally, in writing, and/or in art. In addition, it will likely be quite helpful (especially when introducing the concepts of met/ unmet needs) to brainstorm possibilities/ options for meeting unmet needs.

What could help better meet your need for SAFETY?

What could help better meet /your need for SAFETY?/ that need?

What could help better meet your need for JUSTICE?

What could help better meet your need for JUSTICE?

What could help better meet your need for CONTROL?

What could help better meet your need for CONTROL?