

Activity: Mindfulness Calming Jar

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Objective: One of the "big" emotions that we experience is anger. Sometimes acknowledging our anger and finding healthy ways to express it can be really hard. Calming jars gives us a chance to release & settle when we have a flurry of big feelings.

Supplies:

- A jar with a lid (mason jars work well)
- 1-2 tablespoons of clear or glitter glue
- 3-4 tablespoons glitter
- Warm water
- Food coloring

Instructions:

- Fill the jar with warm water, leaving a small gap at the top for shaking room.
- Invite participants to choose which colors they prefer for their glitter and food coloring.
- Add the glue, glitter, and food coloring in the jar. The warm water will break up the glue which makes the glitter move more slowly in the jar.
- Screw the lid on tight and shake until ingredients are mixed.
- SHAKE & mindfully notice how the glitter slowly moves down towards the bottom of the jar settling back into a place of calm.

Additional Ideas: Taking deep breaths can also be helpful when you're feeling angry. Check out the video "

<u>Just Breathe</u>" where kids talk about how to use deep breaths to calm down when they are experiencing anger and other "big" emotions.

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