

Choice Mobiles

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Objective:

Students will identify their four favorite solutions from the Wheel of Choice to create a visual reminder of choices to solve problems.

Materials:

A template of a blank person and four shapes for each student, markers, crayons, string, hole puncher (several to share), either a hanger, rod, branch or paperclip to hang the mobile

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Students should be familiar with the other Wheel of Choice lessons before doing this activity. This activity helps them personalize their favorite problem-solving tools. This activity can easily be adapted for the home.

Directions:

1. Ask students to think about problems they have had recently and the most common ways they solved these problems using the Wheel of Choice. Discuss how people have different ways to solve their problems and it is helpful to learn what works best for them.

2. Tell students they will be making a mobile to represent their four favorite ways to solve problems. Note: The problems they have may be in the classroom, at recess, or at home.
3. Demonstrate to the class how to create their mobile using the steps below.
 - a. First, color the person to look like you. Color the front of the person and then cut out the person and color the back of the person.
 - b. Next, cut out the shapes and on each shape write one solution. On one side write the solution and the other side of the shape draw a symbol to represent the solution.
 - c. Punch out the small hole at the top of each shape. For the person, punch one hole on each foot and each hand and at the top of the head.
 - d. Cut out five pieces of string per mobile. Tie each shape to the body and one string from the head to hang the mobile.
 - e. Tie the top string to a hanger, rod, branch or paperclip to hang.
4. Hang the mobiles above each student's desk or anywhere else in the room.

Note: See a photo of hanging mobiles and the mobile template on the next page.



