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WORKSHOP 6

FEELINGS AND ATTRACTIONS

Write a sentence or a short poem about intimacy, attraction, or feelings you may have for someone. Or write about how someone else might feel about having a crush. You could also write about what it feels like to not have romantic feelings and yet feel pressure to pair up.

Take It to the Next Level! (optional)

With a trusted adult, listen to a popular song that is about intimacy or attraction. Talk about how the song relates to the “three Rs”—the Our Whole Lives values of relationships, respect, and responsibility.

Word Bank Words for Workshop 6

ATTRACTION: A feeling of strong liking, interest, or desire.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION: The romantic or sexual attraction toward people of a particular sex or gender or to people of more than one sex or gender.

GAY: A term for someone who is attracted to people of the same sex or gender; sometimes used to mean a man who is attracted to men.

HOMOSEXUAL: A term for someone who is attracted to people of the same sex or gender. This term is no longer widely used.

LESBIAN: A term for a woman who is attracted to women.

BISEXUAL: A term for someone who is attracted to people of more than one sex or gender.

STRAIGHT: A term for someone who is attracted to people of another sex or gender.

HETEROSEXUAL: A term for someone who is attracted to people of another sex or gender.

ASEXUAL: A term for someone who is not sexually attracted to other people.

QUEER: A term for someone who feels that they do not fit cultural norms for sexual orientation or gender identity. This word has sometimes been used in a derogatory manner, causing some people to be uncomfortable with its use. However, the word has been reclaimed and many use it with pride.

HOMOPHOBIA: Fear and hatred of people who are gay, lesbian, or bisexual.

HETEROSEXISM: The assumption that everyone is or should be heterosexual.

INTIMACY: A feeling of emotional closeness with someone else.

Reading for Workshop 7

Read the following pages in *It's Perfectly Normal*, twentieth anniversary edition (note that page numbers vary by edition):

- Part 1: What Is Sex?, Section 2, Making Babies (pages 3–4)
- Part 4: Families and Babies, Section 18, Instructions from Mom and Dad (pages 48–49); Section 20, Before Birth (pages 54–57); Section 21, What a Trip! (pages 58–61); and Section 22, Other Arrivals (pages 62–64)
- Part 5: Decisions, Section 23, Planning Ahead (pages 65–70)
- Part 6: Staying Healthy, Section 28, Scientists Working Day and Night (pages 86–90)