



Everything is Connected

teacher's notes

General Note:

This topic has many facets to it. In the materials provided here, you will see an emphasis on two things:

1. The image of Indra's Web¹, which explains and illustrates the interconnectedness of all things. There are several activities connected to this.
2. The influence we have on the world and the world on us. On the basis that everything is connected, Buddhists believe everything influences everything else. The activities and stories invite children to think about what kind of influence one wants to have. To go into more depth on this aspect you can use the topics: Loving Kindness and Care and Cause and Effect.

Presentation slides

Starters

For Option 1 and Option 2, you might like to use a real pack of cookies to do the exercise with.

For Option 2: instead of using tape you can use a stapler to connect the strings in an easier and quicker way.

For Option 3: choose different daily objects for each group such as a mobile phone, a pen, a slice of bread, a shoe...

Movement exercise: Mirror

You might want to use some nice instrumental music with this exercise.

As an extra stimulus to really follow each other you can add a competitive element to the game. Make everyone choose a leader without you, the teacher, knowing who that is (close

¹ Indra is a powerful Indian, Hindu God who in mythical Indian stories is the controller of the cosmos.



your eyes). Then start the movement and start guessing for each pair who the leader is. The ones who do it best have the least recognizable leader, and they win.

King's Elephant Story

There are different activities provided around the story. You can find them in the story itself and in the worksheets named after the story.