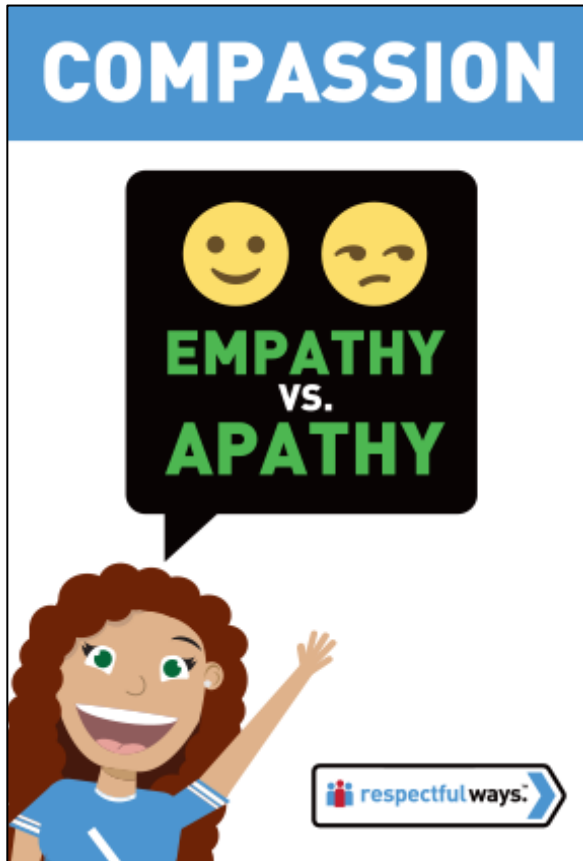


# HOME CONNECTS



## Social-Emotional Learning Objectives:

- Understanding where apathy comes from.
- Challenging the sources and symptoms of apathy and its attitude of “whatever.”
- Becoming aware of how apathy is everywhere in popular culture and creating an alternative set of attitudes.

## Let’s Chat Conversation Questions:

- Describe the difference between empathy and apathy.
- If you could improve one thing at school or in your community, what would you change and why?
- How can you turn your empathy into action?

## Respectful Ways Q&A:

**Q:** What is apathy?

**A:** Apathy is not caring for the needs and being indifferent to the feelings of others.

**Q:** How does empathy differ from apathy?

**A:** Empathy results in compassion and care for others; apathy is unconcerned with others.

## Home Connects Activity Ideas:

- Media, entertainment, and advertising are major sources of apathetic behaviors. With your child, go on an “apathy” hunt in the media, labeling instances of apathy. Take the time to discuss, and come up with different ways of seeing things. (You can try this with empathy, too!)
- Volunteer to serve others with your child to build empathy.
- Pick an issue that affects you and your child. Maybe it has to do with a school funding issue or local policing efforts. Study the issue together and write a letter about it to an elected representative.



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